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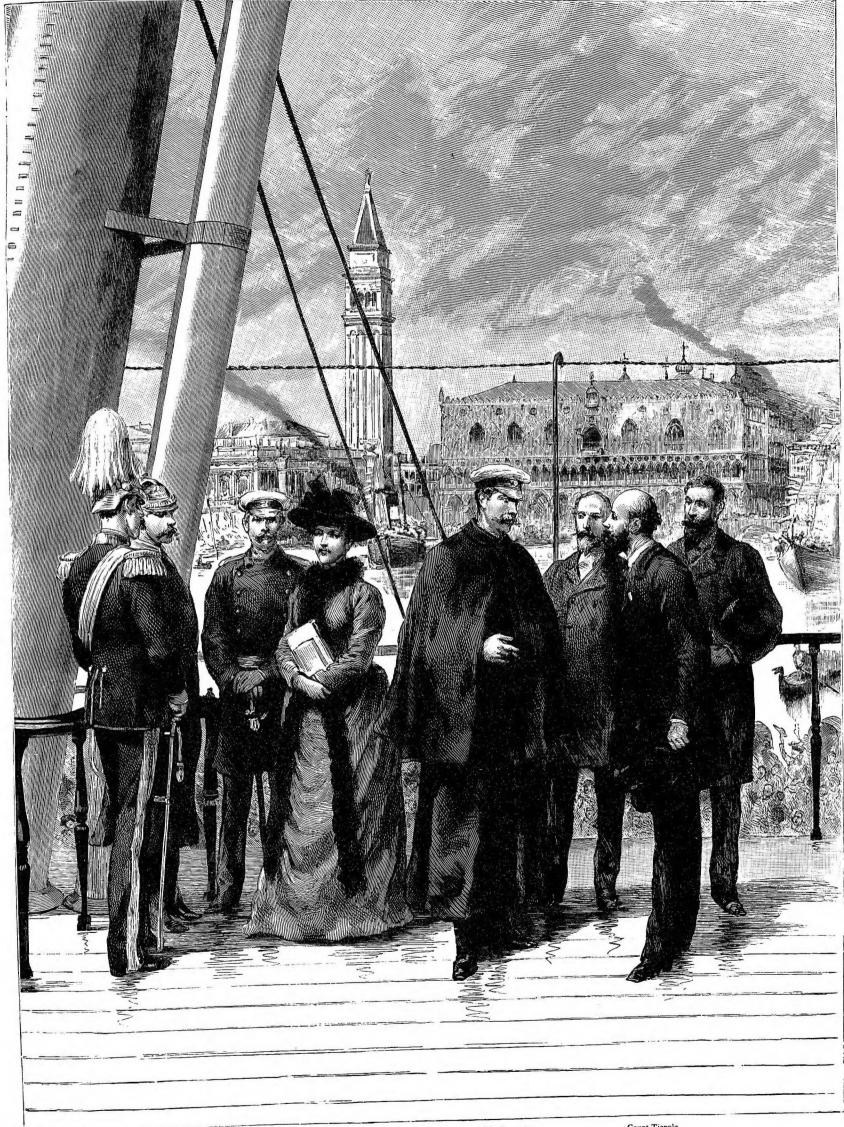
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THE BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION.——The revolutionary movement which led to the expulsion of the Imperial Family from Brazil is likely to be one of the puzzles of history. The explanation of movements of this kind generally lies on the surface, but in the present instance even those who are familiar with the country find it difficult to account for what has happened. The Emperor is a man of high personal character, and, even when he was about to quit the country he had so long ruled, the people took the opportunity of showing that he had not lost their respect and regard. It seems probable that the overthrow of his dynasty must be attributed chiefly to the abolition of slavery. That great measure—the triumph of which was secured mainly through the enthusiasm of the Emperor and the Princess Imperialenraged the landowners as a class, and at the time when the Decree of Emancipation was promulgated it was foretold that the result would be disastrous to the Throne. If this be the real secret of the Revolution, the outside world can only say-All honour to the Emperor Dom Pedro! He himself, we may be certain, feels that the loss of a Crown is not too high a price to pay for a splendid victory in the cause of humanity. It is too early yet to form a very decided opinion on the question whether the Republican Government is likely to be successful. The various provinces might have been held together by a common allegiance to the Sovereign, but it is doubtful whether they will care to remain united under elected rulers. The country is so vast that the interests of some wide districts are very different from those of others, and it may be impossible for the Republicans to prevent one after another of the various groups of the population from asserting their independence. In that case there is much trouble in store for the Brazilians, and they will have little reason to congratulate themselves on the extinction of their Monarchical institutions.

-As this is the centenary REVOLUTIONS THEN AND NOW .year of the Great French Revolution, the parent of all the subsequent revolutions which have taken place both in the Old and New Worlds, it is natural to make a comparison between the way such things were done then and now. Poor ill-fated Louis XVI. was a most easy-going, good-natured man, whose chief fault as a King (it was a terrible fault) was his aversion to shed blood in civil strife. There is little doubt that that "whiff of grape-shot" which the old Duc de Broglie threatened, and of which Carlyle speaks so mockingly, would, if applied early in the revolutionary troubles, have saved oceans of subsequent bloodshed. But setting this aside, and taking Louis as he was, a feeble, unstable administrator, it seems strange now, with our subsequent abundant experience, that when he escaped from Paris in 1791 in that lumbering berline, the revolutionists did not connive at his flight. Indeed, they ought to have built a golden bridge for his departure. And even a year later, when the Tuileries had been sacked, why did not the Girondists, who, despite their theatrical folly, had some grains of conscience left-why did they not send the King and his family over to England, then at peace with France, with a promise which no doubt poor Louis would have honourably observed-that he should not make war against his native country? In subsequent revolutions the French people had learnt wisdom. Charles the Tenth was merely banished; Louis Philippe avoided banishment by ignominious flight. But the Brazilians have topped the record in this respect. In a country fifteen times as big as France, a few conjurors appear. "Presto!" they cry, "the Empire is now a Republic," and straightway the worthy old Peter and his family find themselves on board ship, crossing the Atlantic towards the land of their ancestors. Truly, this Brazilian transformation scene is one of the neatest things out in the revolutionary line.

COLONIAL FEDERATION .- A most persistent Nemesis seems destined to attend the lagging footsteps of Imperial Federation. Last week a sympathetic audience in the City listened approvingly to Lord Rosebery's report of progress. There was not much to report, it is true, but the meeting took too optimist a view of the general situation to cavil about details. But in spite of their cheerfulness, some of them must have been turned towards gloomy thoughts by Mr. Duncan Gillies' reply to Sir Henry Parkes. If Colonial Federation must precede Imperial, as most thoughtful people allow, this sparring match between the Premiers of the two most important Australian colonies does not look encouraging for the latter. They dispute, too, merely about a preliminary, the matter in question being nothing more than whether the question of united military defence shall be relegated to the present Federal Council or to a speciallyappointed Convention. New South Wales favours the latter alternative, because a Convention might be empowered to inquire into the wider question of Federation. But Victoria prefers the Federal Council, and Queensland sides with her, their view being that it would get the matter more quickly settled. To outsiders, it may appear that there cannot be much love for Federation on either side when such a trifle gives rise to quarrelling. That idea

would be a mistake; there are many and growing signs that the Australian colonies have a sincere desire for closer cohesion. But they are divided both by ancient jealousies and by conflicting commercial interests, and each fears lest this or that rival should gain some unfair advantage through Federation. It is much the same in South Africa, while New Zealand doubts whether she would not be more a loser than a gainer by establishing closer relations with Australia. No doubt, these animosities and suspicions will die out in time, but for the moment they are very keen, and there seems but little likelihood of the "stepping-stone" to Imperial Federation becoming an accomplished fact for some years.

THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE. ---- All civilised men and women will await with interest the decisions of the Conference which has met at Brussels for the purpose of devising means for the suppression of the slave trade. The subject is one which has touched the sympathies of several generations of Englishmen, and we may fairly claim that we have done some honest and effective work in the attempt to grapple with this monstrous evil. Unfortunately we cannot claim that we have done all that we might have done. It is universally admitted that the slave traffic can be thoroughly abolished only by the opening up of Africa to legitimate commerce; and much might have been accomplished in this direction if we had decided to hold the Soudan. We abandoned the outposts which had been won for civilisation; and so the hunt for slaves, which had been seriously checked, was renewed with all its horrors over a vast region. This, however, is "ancient history," and it remains for us only to hope that the labours of the Conserence may lead to some solid and fairly satisfactory results. Its members ought to have no difficulty in agreeing to the right of international search. That is the most vital of all the proposals they will have to discuss; and, if they fail to arrive at an understanding about it, any other measures they may recommend will be useless. Hitherto the difficulty in the way has been the opposition of France; but it is supposed that, when she is confronted by the general opinion of Europe about the matter, she may abandon a policy which does little credit either to the humanity or to the practical wisdom of her statesmen. Another scheme is that a Consular Tribunal should be established at Zanzibar for the punishment of any one who may be proved to have taken part in the slave trade. This would certainly be to some extent deterrent, if all the Powers were equally earnest in the desire to bring to justice those persons who seek to enrich themselves by engaging in a traffic which causes so much human misery.

THE NEW RADICAL PROGRAMME.—The more moderate adherents of Mr. Gladstone are beginning to understand that they must make a more zealous profession of the doctrines of modern Radicalism if they would avoid the peril of being irrevocably shunted into a siding by such men as Mr. Labouchere and Mr. John Burns. There could not be found a more suitable mouthpiece for the enunciation of the new departure than Mr. John Morley, who was a genuine Radical at a time when Mr. Gladstone and most of his followers were still wrapped in the swathing-bands of old-fashioned Whiggery. Apart from his frequent sneers at the Conservatives -sneers which only tend to disgust that large section of the electorate who are patriots first and partisans afterwards -Mr. Morley's address was sensible and statesmanlike. Although he professed to put Ireland still in the foreground, he is well aware that Home Rule excites very little enthusiasm-at any rate, on this side of St. George's Channel -and, therefore, he speedily passed on to more con-Few will quarrel with his definition genial topics. of the kind of Socialism of which he can approve, and of the kind of Socialism which he unhesitatingly The keynote pervading the remainder of his speech was that more freedom of action should be given to local bodies. He applied that doctrine successively to Education (including the feeding of poor children), to the Licensing Laws, to the Allotment System, and to the treatment of paupers. Considering that the Conservatives were the authors of the Local Government Act, they surely need not adopt an attitude of uncompromising hostility towards any attempt which will logically extend the field of the operations of the County Councils. But we warn them against bringing in bogus Bills which are pretty to look at but practically unworkable. What they do, they should do with a good will, or not do at all. Regarding the Eight Hours' proposal, Mr. Morley perceives its inherent unworkableness, and preserves his independence. There is only one point in hi speech in which we thoroughly disagree with Mr. Morley. With our scant list of dutiable commodities, it would be a serious matter to take off the tax on tea, nor is it physiologically true that "tea is the article which a man can least hurtfully drink." For hard-working and not too-well fed people, small beer, which was the ordinary beverage a couple of generations ago, was a wholesomer tipple than the tea which is now drunk so freely.

THE EGYPTIAN BUDGET.—Once more the Khédive is in a position to boast his ability to pay his way in the world, while lightening the pressure of taxation on his subjects. The Egyptian Budget distinctly shows progress; not only is a surplus left in hand, but several vexatious taxes are

abolished, to the great satisfaction of their former victims. It has to be remembered, too, that these satisfactory results are shown by a comparatively poor and struggling country, which is compelled to pay a higher rate of interest on her debt than would satisfy the Money Market. Were France to give her sanction to the proposed conversion-operation, the Khédive would be able to make further remissions of taxation, or the money saved could be laid out profitably on irrigation works. Since, however, France elects to show her love for the fellaheen by refusing to lighten their financial burdens, it is a most fortunate dispensation which gives the Cairo treasury this welcome surplus. A deficit would have necessitated an increase of taxation, thereby helping the hands of the foreign intriguers, who are doing all in their power to stir up Egyptian animosity against England. Let us hope that next year's harvest will prove as prolific as the one lately gathered in. It was that element of prosperity which mainly produced the surplus; and, although the statement is made that the present Revenue Estimates are based "on a moderate calculation," any failure of the Nile to act as fertiliser might possibly upset the Budget. On the other hand, the Soudanese seem to have had enough of fighting: even the most pious of dervishes gets tired of being killed after a time. There is less likelihood, therefore, of a drain on the Treasury for war expenses, while the increased area under irrigation slightly diminishes the danger of a low Nile. Egypt is not yet strong enough to walk alone; but she is getting stronger ever year, thanks to Nurse Britannia.

Two Home Rule Parties .- The members of the Gladstonian party are looking forward with considerable eagerness to the manifesto which is expected from their leader next month. It is hoped that he may say something which will make it easy for them to carry on the morement for Home Rule. We may doubt whether their wish will be gratified. The question whether the Irish members are to be retained at Westminster is still the crux of the Home Rule controversy, and it is almost certain that Mr. Gladstone's opinion on the subject is exactly the same as it was on the day when he introduced into the House of Commons his Bill for the establishment of an Irish Parliament. He has, indeed, spoken of his readiness to bow to the popular will, but he has not uttered a word implying that his own conviction has been changed. The more the question is considered, the less will any one be surprised by the persistency with which he clings to his original scheme, for the only real alternative is a plan by which the United Kingdom would be broken up into four parts, each with a Parliament of its own, and all represented in a supreme Imperial Parliament. There is much to be said for this proposal, and it has already excited the enthusiasm of a powerful section of the Liberal party. But it is a proposal of vast scope, and we cannot wonder that Mr. Gladstone shrinks from it, or from any half-way measure that seems logically to lead to so great a revolution. There are now two Home Rule parties, and it will probably become more and more clear that Mr. Gladstone represents only one of them, and that even if he had a nominal majority in Parliament, the success of his policy would be imperilled by the conflicting ideals of his followers.

SIR EDWARD GUINNESS'S GIFT. --- More private munificence! This is Mr. Chamberlain's "ransom" theory with a vengeance. Supposing that all the rich men were to follow Sir Edward's example, it would be a case of the "Panem et Circenses" of Imperial Rome over again, and it is to be feared that the poor would cease to work altogether, and become irremediably pauperised. But, average human nature being what it is, there is not the least danger of this contingency occurring, and therefore we may honestly thank Sir Edward for his handsome gift. For it indicates no ordinary amount of unselfishness to part during one's lifetime with a quarter of a million sterling. As for the objects aimed at by the gift, opinions may differ. Everybody admits that there is a vast amount of bad housing and overcrowding in all large cities; and nowhere perhaps more so than in London and Dublin. Everybody perhaps is not so-well aware that there are Acts of Parliament in existence which, if effectively and systematically applied, would alleviate these scandals. Only the other day a London magistrate pulled up pretty sharply a landlord whose houses were in an insanitary condition, and, if other magistrates and local officials were to show a similar resolution, many nuisances might be abated. Sir Edward Guinness purposes to bridge over the gulf of misery by the exercise of a discriminating charity. His aim is "to provide clean and healthy homes for people somewhat poorer than those who occupy the existing artisans' dwellings." No doubt he will succeed to a certain extent. But he and his managers will have to discriminate in selecting their lodgers. They will have to choose decent and quiet poverty; they will be compelled to reject dirty, drunken, rowdy folks who are the chief patrons of the overcrowded dwellings, and who would speedily convert the "modellest" model lodging-house into a pig-sty. It is no very easy matter to combat moral evil with mere material improve-

THE "ZEPHYR." --- By far the most serious matter brought to light during the late inquiry into the loss of the brought Zephyr is the alleged culpability of the Board of steamsnip Strade officials at Cardiff. Here was a partially rotten ship which habitually left port in a perilous condition, and that, which the season. Yet those whose duty it was to prerent such a scandalous occurrence seem to have had their eyes hermetically sealed. They never noticed her faulty gangways and weak bulwarks; it never struck them that she was overloaded. All was for the best in the best of all possible worlds so far as they were concerned; that is, so long as they received pay for performing duty which they did not perform-And so the Zephyr put to sea once too often, encountered a muderate gale, which quickly found out her weak points; and foundered. Reading this history, the public will be more convinced than ever that Mr. Plimsoll has every cause to enter the lists once more on behalf of poor Jack. If the Cardiff officials behaved in this scandalous manner, as the Court of Assessors finds they did, what assurance have we that the same shameful negligence does not prevail at other ports? It is not within the bounds of probability that the whole of the inefficients in the Board's service are stationed at Cardiff. And if not, then we are brought into the presence of a most alarming development of the "how not to do it" system, in a great public department. Other questions, especially that of over-insurance, came to the front during this inquiry, but they are of minor importance compared with the imputation on the inspecting officials. They should be given, of course, a fair opportunity of clearing their characters, and we trust, for the credit of the State, that they will succeed. But enough has come to light, in any case, to justify the renewal of Mr. Piimsoll's crusade. It was actually left for him to discover, on one occasion, that the ill-fated Zephyr was putting to sea dangerously overloaded.

THE ETRUSCANS. --- Who were the ancient Etruscans? This is a question which has often been asked, and all sorts of answers have been suggested by scholars. Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, the well-known American anthropologist, has been studying the subject, and has offered a new solution which is likely to attract a good deal of attention. His view is that the Etruscans were originally Kabyles, and that they came from Northern Africa. Many of the Kabyles, who still form a considerable proportion of the native population of Algeria, are tall, with long skulls, fair hair, and blue or gray eyes. This, as Mr. Brinton shows from the evidence afforded by skeletons and by remains of ancient Art, was the prevailing physical type of the Etruscans. He points out also-here following the German scholar Otfried Mül'er-that the earliest Etruscans, according to the unanimous testimony of antiquity, landed on the western shore of Italy, crossing the sea from the south, and that this was the belief of the Etruscans themselves. O.her facts favourable to his theory are that the position of women seems to have been much the same among the Etruscans as it is among the Kabyles, and that the principle of Confederation has always been a prominent element in the political life of the latter, just as it was in that of the former. In language, too, Dr. Brinton has found some remarkable analogies indicating a connection between the two peoples. So many hypotheses relating to the Etruscans have been exploded that this one may have no better fate than its predecessors, but it is certainly worthy of being closely investigated, and it ought to excite a good deal of interest in Italy. It would be odd if it could be proved that the Etruscan blood of the North Italian folk gives them a certain kinship to vigorous tribes on the borders of the Libyan Desert.

'BUS MEN AND 'BUS FARES .- The strike-mania goes on merrily, and in several instances (notably the bakers') the men have scored a victory. This success, as we pointed out last week, is greatly due to the fact that the discontent which has provoked these strikes arises quite as much from a desire for shorter hours of labour as from insufficient wages. These remarks especially apply to the 'bus men and tramcar men, who have for many years been notable for their long hours of work and their scanty leisure. The difficulty of finding a remedy without lessening the remuneration of these overworked and indispensable public servants is enhanced by the keen competition existing between the various carriers of the London passenger traffic. In almost every quarter of the metropolis an energetic warfare is carried on between underground railway companies, tramcar companies, and omnibus companies. The public have benefited largely by this rivalry. Old folks can remember when the omnibus had only one uniform fare—sixpence. Gradually the price was lowered, till now we are conveyed from Liverpool Street to Charing Cross or Oxford Circus, or from Piccadilly Circus to Kensington Church (we merely quote three familiar examples) for a penny. It is true that under this system what are known as "short passengers" abound; the vehicles empty and fill two or three times during one of these journeys, but nevertheless the competing lines are less prosperous, than they were, and the cheap prices necessarily add to the work of both coachmen and conductors. Horses are being perpetually pulled up, fares collected, and doors slammed. Then, if the companies combined, and raised their fares, would not the public diminish their patronage? Even if the renny fares were raised only to three-halfpence, there

would doubtless be fewer passengers. The problem is a difficult one, for, unless the proprietors can increase their takings, they will refuse to add to their staff of workmen, and yet without this a reduction of the working-hours of each individual employé will be practically unattainable.

BOXING MATCHES AND SCOTLAND YARD.—It is not easy to perceive the sweet reasonableness of refusing police protection for boxing matches. These exhibitions are either legal or illegal. If legal, they are as much entitled to the services of the police as race meetings, football matches, or Thames regattas. If illegal, they ought to be instantly suppressed. The Commissioner seems inclined to experiment with that dangerous acrobatic performance, sitting on two stools at the same time. To suppress glove-fights, on the ground that they are thinly-veiled prize fights-which they often are-would bring him into odium with the manyheaded. On the other hand, to accord them police sanction would draw down upon him the wrath of those worthy souls who regard boxing as a brutalising and demoralising sport. Placed between these opposing forces, Mr. Monro dodges both by permitting glove-fights to take place, provided their promoters are willing to dispense with the attendance of the police. There is a certain adroitness in this method of escape, but it has the disadvantage of consigning what, under proper regulations, is a reasonably wholesome entertainment for the masses, to the domain of the disreputable. Latterly, boxing matches have come into vogue at many places of unquestionable respectability, and there cannot be any doubt that the halo thus imparted to the sport was gradually giving it a new and better character. But without the police to keep order, no decent place of entertainment would care to run the risk of riot and free fighting. Nor, even if they did face that danger, would the public pay for the chance of being maltreated and robbed by the brawny ruffians who wou'd be masters of the situation. Who would go to a racecourse or any other scene of popular recreation unless assured of police protection? Boxing matches may not be refined spectacles, but a very large number of Londoners take interest in them; and, so long as they are legalised, Mr. Monro would do well to include them in his list of protected amusements.

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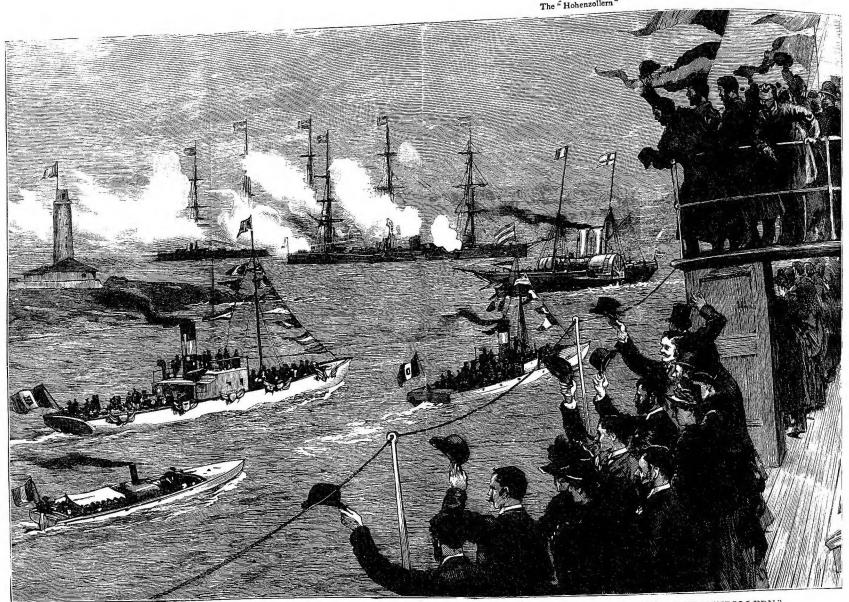
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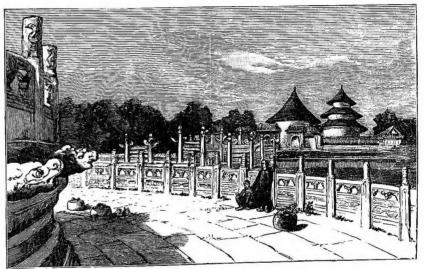
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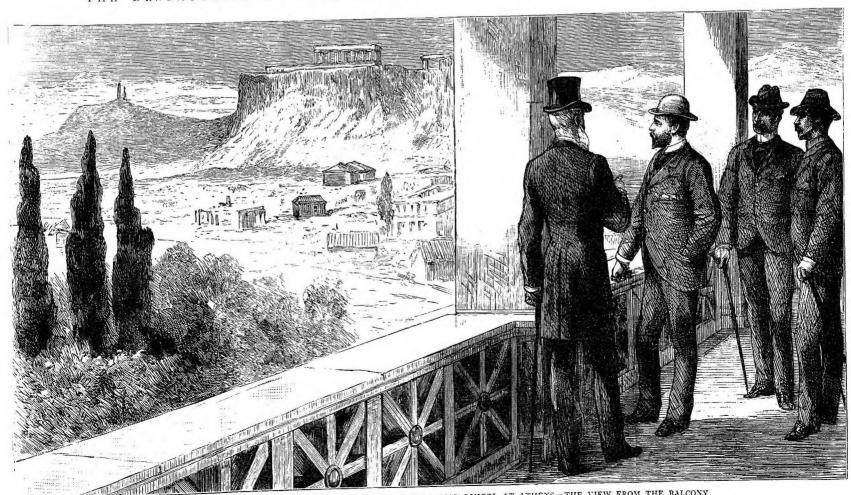


THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TEMPLE .



VIEW OF THE TEMPLE FROM THE ALTAR

THE DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN, PEKIN, CHINA



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THE GRAPHIC

-With this Number is issued an Extra Double-Page Supplement, containing Portraits of the Ex-Emperor and Ex-Empress of Brazil, and a Pano-RAMIC VIEW of the CITY of RIO DE JANEIRO, with descriptive Letterpress.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER IN CANADA.—It will scarcely be believed that it is seriously contemplated by the Canadian Government to impose a tax upon all the Christmas Numbers containing coloured pictures amounting, in our case, to an impost of 5d. on each copy. It is contended that under existing laws they have always had this power, and although, hitherto, they have never put it in force, they intend doing so at once—in fact, this coming Christmas. The time chosen is scarcely happy. The season of Christmas is supposed to overflow with peace, good-will, and fraternity. But the imposition of this tariff will practically prohibit any such expressions on our part, as the Graphic Christmas Number will be no more seen by our Canadian brethren unless they are blest with very long purses. On November 15th the respective Managers of the Illustrated London News and the Graphic waited on the Agent-General for Canada, Sir Charles Tupper, who promised to use his best influence with the Government of Canada to prevent such a retrograde policy. As at this present time our Special Artist (Mr. Villiers) is travelling with the Governor-General over the Canadian Pacific Railway, for the purpose of showing both to capitalists and emigrants the remarkable attractions and resources of that magnificent country, this oppressive measure seems singularly inopportune.



THE GERMAN EMPEROR AT VENICE

QUITE a fleet of steamers, gaily decorated with bunting, proceeded to Malamocco, from Venice, on Thursday morning, the 12th inst., to meet the German Emperor and Empress, conveying members of the Corporation, invited guests, the excellent City Band, and the German residents. The Imperial party were loudly cheered when they were observed on the bridge of the Hohenzollern. The journey to Venice is about four miles, and amidst the salvoes of the German ironclads, the Royal yacht led the way down the narrow course, marked out by groups of piles, to the basin of Saint Mark's. A fresh breeze and a bright suu enlivened the whole scene. Arriving opposite the Ducal Palace the Hohenzollern was imme-



THE EMPEROR GIVING HIS FINAL ORDERS AT THE VENICE RAILWAY STATION

diately boarded by the Prefect, Sindico, and General of the District, who had come to pay their respects. The Emperor and Empress remained on deck for nearly an hour, engaged in animated conversation, and seemed enchanted with the scene before them. Both the Emperor and Empress repeatedly expressed to the Sindico (Count Tiepolo) their great delight at the appearance of the city. The Emperor, two hours after the arrival of the Hohenzollern, left his consort for Monza, to take part in a hunt arranged by King Humbert. The scene of his departure from the railway station was most brilliant, the Carabineers and firemen lining the platform, where the new saloon carriage was waiting.—Our engraving of the arrival of the Emperor is from a photograph by Reginald Barratt, Venice; that of the "last command" was taken at the moment of departure.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT ATHENS

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT ATHENS On his return from Egypt the Prince paid a second visit to Athens, arriving on November 7th, on board the Royal yacht Osborne, at the Piræus, where he was welcomed by his wife and daughters, by King George and the Greek Royal family, and by the British Minister, Sir E. Monson, with his Staff. Next day the Prince, accompanied by Sir E. Monson and his Staff, visited the British and American Archæological Schools at Athens. The 5th of November, being the Prince's birthday, was celebrated by a brilliant fête. A Te Deum was performed in the English Church, the ships in the harbour were gay with bunting, and their guns fired a salute. In the evening there was a grand banquet at the Palace, and the city was illuminated. The visit to the Parthenon took place before the Prince went to Egypt. Of all the beautiful specimens of architecture whose remains are extant on the Acropolis, those of the Parthenon are the finest. It was the most magnificent of the Athenian temples; but much of its sculpture and

ornaments have disappeared. Many fragments of exquisite carvings, however, are still scattered about the Acropolis. The ancient ruin looks especially effective by moonlight. On the ancient ruin looks especially effective by rail for Patras, 11th of November the British Royal party left by rail for Patras, where the Osborne was waiting for them, and on the following day where the Osborne was waiting for them, and on the following day where the King of Denmark, the Duke of Sparta, and the Greece, the King of Denmark, the Duke of Sparta, and the Czarevitch coming to bid their kinsfolk farewell. The saloon-car was provided with a large gallery, furnished with cane chairs and curtains at the four corners. The Princess of Wales, together with the King of Greece and Prince George of Wales, mounted to this gallery, and waited there while the Prince said good-bye to the Queen of Greece.

DR. EDWIN HATCH

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Who died at his residence in Oxford on the evening of November 10th from a combined attack of pleurisy and heart-disease, was in the fifty-fifth year of his age. He was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and was afterwards a scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, where he had a distinguished career. After a residence in Canada as Professor and Head of a College, he returned to Oxford in 1867, and became Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, a post which he held until four years ago. Latterly he was Rector of Purleigh, Essex, and Reader in Ecclesiastical History at Oxford. Dr. Hatch's Bampton Lectures, delivered in 1880, had the honour of being translated into German; he also delivered the Hibbert Lectures in 1887, and wrote a volume of essays on Biblical Greek. He also wrote numerous articles for dictionaries and periodicals. At the time of his death he was engaged on a Concordance to the Septuagint, a work of stupendous labour.—Our portrait is from a photograph by Gillman and Co., Oxford.

LORD FALMOUTH

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In "Pastimes" last week we gave some account of the noble sportsman (the phrase is frequently used of those who are neither sportsmen nor noble, but it is applicable in its fullest meaning to Lord Falmouth) who passed away on the 6th inst. We mentioned then his stern rectitude, and the eminent example which he showed to his brother sportsmen in this respect; his wonderful run of success, especially in the "classic" races—handicaps he did not care about, probably owing to the way in which horses are "readied" for these events—and his invincible objection to betting. Little, then, remains for us to say here. Evelyn Boscawen, sixth Viscount Falmouth, was born in 1819, educated at Eton and Oxford, and in 1841 called to the Bar. Four years later he married the Baroness Le Despencer, of Mereworth Castle, Kent, by whom he leaves three sons and three daughters. In 1852 he succeeded his cousin in the Viscountcy; and shortly after, being already known as a breeder of cattle and half-breeds, began the formation of his now famous stud, with which for nearly thirty years he was so highly successful. In 1884 he broke up his stud and retired from the Turf, and thereafter raced but little. He is succeeded by his eldest son, Colonel the Hon. Evelyn Boscawen, Coldstream Guards.—Our portrait is from a photograph by H. R. Sherborn, Newmarket.

MR. ALFRED HAGGIS

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On November 7th the London County Council assembled for the purpose (among other matters) of electing a new Deputy-Chairman), in the room of the late Mr. Firth. Three candidates were proposed. Of these, Mr. Eccleston Gibb received nineteen votes; Mr. Fardell, fifty-one; and Mr. Alfred Haggis, fifty-nine. The last-named gentleman was therefore elected. His salary is to be 1,500/. per annum, in lieu of the 2,000/. paid to Mr. Firth. From a statement made by Mr. G. W. E. Russell we learn that Mr. Haggis has had considerable municipal experience. He has been an Alderman of Croydon since 1883, and has held other influential positions in that district, as well as in sundry Committees of the London County Council. He is a man of moderate temper and conciliatory manners, lucid and weighty in speech, and with an easy mastery of the subjects which he has taken in hand.—Our portrait is from a photograph taken by Fradelle and Young, 246, Regent Street, W.

THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN AT PEKIN

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This singular and highly-venerated edifice was destroyed by fire on September 18th, and reduced to a heap of smouldering ruins. There was a severe thunderstorm just before the fire, which, therefore, may have been caused by lightning, although it is also attributed to incendiarism. Foreigners settled in China hope that the latter may prove to be the case, as the young Emperor's reign has already been marked by several calamitous events, and if this fire were due to lightning (that is, in Chinese opinion, to the wrath of the gods), it might seriously affect the stability of the dynasty. It is characteristic of the Chinese that, with all their professed reverence for the temple, they have taken very little care of it. Mr. George Forbes, who visited it in 1875, and took some photographs of it, found it in a ruinous and filthy condition. The temple was 99 feet high, with a triple circular roof of ultramarine blue tiles. It was erected over an altar, and is believed to date from the fifth century of our era. Every year at the opening of spring the Emperor went thither to pray for a fruitful year. Bullocks were slaughtered and burnt on the altar, a prayer was read from a scroll, and also burnt, while the Emperor prostrated himself before a tablet dedicated to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.—We are enabled to publish these engravings through the courtesy of Miss C. F. Gordon-Cumming, who kindly placed the sketches at our disposal.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN EGYPT

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We gave a succinct account last week of the Prince's brief but successful visit to the Land of the Pharaohs. A very summary description of our illustrations, therefore, will here suffice. On November 4th, after a trip to the Pyramids, where the party was met by Bedouins on horseback and on foot, with native music, who escorted the Prince to the foot of the Great Pyramid, where he was received by the Khédive. H.R.H. and his son Prince George went to a Gymkhana Race-Meeting at Ghezireh, where the Prince presented a fifty-guinea silver cup for a Pony Race. Much amusement was caused by the Buffalo Race, the Camel Race, the Syces' Race, and the Noah's Ark Race. The latter was especially comical. The winner was a huge ostrich, bestridden by Sir James Dormer; Colonel Sandwith steered a turkey, Lord Dunmore a pelican, and Captain Maxwell a sucking-pig. A monkey that was entered seemed lost in wonder at the whole affair.—Our engravings are from sketches by Mr. Arthur Middlemass (Middlemass Bey).

"THE NEW PRINCE FORTUNATUS"

NEW serial story by William Black, illustrated by William Small, is continued on page 621.

THE CAPETOWN HIGHLANDERS

FROM its unique position, Capetown forms one of the most important outposts of the British Empire, and it happily possesses a strong force of Volunteers of all arms, and in the highest state of efficiency. Among these is a Scotch corps, commanded by Major Scott, and entitled the Capetown Highlanders. They are a smart Lody of men, and are dressed in green doublets with red facings.

They wear the Gordon tartan and the same pattern of sporran as the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. At the recent camp and manœuvres held at Wynberg, this corps was brigaded with the Regulars, the Capetown Artillery and Capetown Engineers (who have a torpedo company), the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteer Rifles, and the Capetown Irish.—Our engraving is from a photograph sent to us by Major-General H. G. Robley, Argyll and

"DANCING THE LANCERS" ON MULE-BACK IN BELUCHISTAN

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WHEREVER he may be stationed, the British officer finds means to get rid of the tedium imposed by service amid uncongenial surroundings. All the sports which are popular at home, horse-racing, under the burning sun of the tropics, but occasionally he strikes our is not easy to say, but as all these sports and pastimes require bodily strength, skill, and activity, we may be sure that the display of these qualities, which, except perhaps in Lower Bengal, are highly appreciated by our dusky fellow-citizens throughout the Indian Empire, do not lessen the respect which they feel for the British soldier. This is an important matter, for if our trops became so enervated by the climate as to lie all day on their backs smoking cheroots and imbibing iced beverages, the British Raj would soon come to an ignominious end. Whether the gallant riders performed their figures with an accuracy which would satisfy a dancing-master we are unable to say; at all events, considering the proverbial perversity of their long-eared steeds, they must have had to contend with considerable difficulties.—Our drawing is made from an original sketch by Lieutenant A. W. Crawford M'Fall, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Quetta.

LISTENING TO THE BAND AT BRIGHTON

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Why is it that music and the seaside always go together? Go to any watering-place, and you find that people who in their own homes never hear a note of music from year's end to year's end spend half their time listening to the numerous purveyors of harmony, who, in answer to the demand, provide the supply. In London the German band may be regarded as a nuisance, the pianorgan as an instrument of torture; transport them to the seaside, and they come as a boon and a blessing to men. Needless to say, Brighton is well provided with all kinds of music. In particular, the concerts in the Pavilion at the end of the pier are excellent of their kind, and, as Mr. Barnes shows us, are very well attended. Whether they are also well listened to is a matter admitting of more question. Most people at the seaside are lazy, and one can be lazy to the strains of a good band more comfortably than in any other way. Some are in love, and it is astonishing what tender confidences may be exchanged under mamma's very nose when the big drum and bombardon are trying to outdo one another in the matter of noise. Some, again, are smokers, and find—in the outer portion of the Pavilion, for one is forbidden to smoke inside—that Tobacco and Music go as well together as Love and Wine. For these and other reasons, then, the band at Brighton seldom fails of a good audience.

LANDING SURVIVORS FROM A WRECK See page 626.

"OBSTRUCTIONISTS'

THIS engraving is from a picture by Mr. Yeend King, exhibited in *The Graphic* Animal Gallery. Of course, in a black and white reproduction we miss the vivid colouring which gives such a charm to the works of this painter. The "Obstructionists" here depicted are not of the breed which are so well known in the neighbourhood of St. Stephen's, Westminster, although, as they are both bipeds and geese, there is probably some kinship between them. Whether Mr. King intended to convey some such satirical parallel we are unable to say, but, at all events, he has painted a very attractive picture. picture.

"LISTENING TO A SERMON IN THE OLDEN TIME"

"THE OLDEN TIME," as here depicted by Mr. J. B. Yeats, is not so very far back, say, a hundred years ago at the utmost. This pair of charming girls, with their big eloquent eyes, and their rupt expression, put to shame their degenerate representatives of the present day, who are always crying out to have services shortened, and grumble at the length of a sermon if it exceeds twenty minutes in delivery. But stay, we ought to remember that the bulk of the listeners represented by Mr. Yeats belong to the fair sex, and that sex, taken generally, even nowadays has little complaint to make about the tedium or the undue prolongation of Divine Worship. The grumbles almost invariably proceed from the so-called stronger sex, who, unlike their fathers and grandfathers, are too often absentees from church, and whose neglect in this regard is by no means one of the most edifying signs of our enlightened epoch.

THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE AT CANADA See page 634.

WATERLOW PARK, HIGHGATE

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The munificent gift which Sir Sydney Waterlow has lately, through the medium of the London County Council, made to his fellow citizens, consists of a park of twenty-nine acres, situated on the southern slope of Highgate Hill, in the parish of St. Pancras, The grounds are undulating, and well timbered with oaks, old cedars of Lebanon, and many other well-grown trees and shrubs. There is also an acre and a-half of ornamental water supplied from naural also an acre and a-half of ornamental water supplied from naural springs. Lauderdale House, which is part of the gift, and which may possibly form the site of a future Free Library, possesses how special architectural distinction. It was formerly the residence of the Earls of Lauderdale, and was borrowed by Charles the Second the Earls of Lauderdale, and was borrowed by Dalziel), motorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty to the Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his cruelty for Scotch Covenanters, as a home for Nell notorious for his mayoralty was created a baronet by the gigantic concern ow in London Wall, and gradually built up the gigantic concern ow in London Wall, and gradually built up the gigantic concern with the formation of Friendly and Benefit Building Societies, improve the condition of Friendly and Benefit Building Socie

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Our illustration represents Sir Henry James addressing the Court towards the close of his speech for the Times, carefully watched by the vigilant Michael Davitt, who, occasionally interrupting him with comment or correction, listened attentively to every syllable that fell from him. Any representative of the Irish party might well listen attentively to what Sir Henry said on the Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, since on those two days he dealt with the terrible Phænix Park murders. Dwelling on Delaney's evidence, the truth of which in the main he defied the incriminated members of the Irish party to disprove, he accused the officials of the Irish Land League of displaying an active sympathy with the perpetrators, if not of direct complicity with the perpetration, of that ever-memorable outrage.

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Political And Social.—Addressing a gathering of Conservative working-men at Exeter on Tuesday, the First Lord of the Treasury warned the labouring classes against forcing the cost of production to such a point that there would be no market for the articles produced. It was the duty of the employer, Mr. W. H. Smith produced. It was the duty of the employer, Mr. W. H. Smith it was also that of the employed not to exact such terms as would involve, if persevered in, the destruction of industry, and the transfer of our trade to other countries.—Responding, on the same day, to an invitation to address them on social questions, Mr. John Morley made a long speech as the guest of the Eighty Club. He took care to state that the Irish Question was still the most important of all, and he infused considerable bitterness into the rexpression of his belief that his political opponents are neither willing nor able to carry out the needed social reforms. In the front of his own programme he placed a reduction of the Tea Duty by at least one-half, of gratuitous education in public elementary schools, and a guarded provision of free meals for the children of very poor parents attending them. To bring the people into contact with the land, he was in favour of bestowing on Municipal and other local bodies, especially Parish Councils to be instituted as a supplement to County Councils, the compulsory acquisition "on fair terms" of land for public purposes. He advocated strongly the rating of ground-rents for public improvements, wherever these indirectly as well as directly enhanced the value of the landlord's property. He thought that Parish Councils might judiciously and mercifully extend the grant of out-door relief to the deserving poor. Expressing great sympathy with the efforts of the labouring classes to obtain higher wages and shorter hours, he spoke in a deprecatory tone of an Eight Hours Bill.—On Tuesday, too, Sir George Trevelyan, at Glasgow, announced that the Gladstonians were now on strong ground, since they had becom

pany nave resumed work, being satisfied with the concessions made and promised by the directors.

SIR EDWARD GUINNESS, the great Dublin brewer, is effacing the reproach that more has been done for the housing of the labouring classes of this country by an American—the late Mr. Peabody—than by any Englishman, Scotchman, or Irishman. He has placed in the hands of Lord Rowton (Lord Beaconsfield's confidential friend), of Mr. Ritchie (the President of the Local Government Board), and of Mr. Plunket (First Commissioner of Works) the sum of a quarter-of-a-million sterling, to be held by them in trust for the erection of dwellings for the labouring poor—200,000% of this is to be expended in London, and 50,000% in Dublin. A welcome peculiarity in the intentions of the munificent donor is the desire to provide healthy homes for industrious people somewhat poorer than those who constitute the great majority of the tenants of the dwellings built by the Peabody Trust, and of a similar kind by private enterprise, and also to prove that this most desirable object can be effected on a sound financial basis. Enquiries and consultations have satisfied Sir E. Guinness that wholesome domiciles can be let at rents low enough to place them within the reach of the poorest of the labouring classes.

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The London County Council, at its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, had to consider the report of a Committee appointed to recommend a successor to the late Mr. Gordon in the office of Chief Engineer. The candidate successful, by a majority apparently of only one, was Mr. Duckham, whose appointment with a salary of only one, was Mr. Duckham, whose appointment with a salary of only one, was Mr. Duckham, whose appointment with a salary of only one, was Mr. Duckham, whose appointment with a salary of the single of the size of the provision which ensued, this recommendation was objected to by several members on two separate grounds—one that, though possessing a considerable experience in dock engineering, Mr. Duckham had none of drainage-works, and another, that being a brother-in law of Mr. M'Dougall, who suddenly attained celebrity by his zeal for the purification of music halls, he owed the provisional success of his candidature more to the exertion on his behalf of personal influence than to professional ability. Ultimately, and as the Chairman, Lord Rosebery, explained, on the former of these two grounds, which he considered adequate, the recommendation of the Appointment Committee was referred to the Standing Committee for further consideration. After another discussion, the Council agreed to ask the Home Secretary, who had offered the whole of the site (some twenty-three acres) of Millbank Prison for the erection of working-class dwellings, whether he would dispose for that purpose of eight acres at the price of 2,000/. An amendment recommending the purchase of the whole twenty-three acres was negatived, without a division.

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OUR OBITUARY includes the death, in her seventy-eighth year, of Mrs. Raikes, the mother of the Postmaster-General, and daughter of the late Archdeacon Wrangham; in his eighty-first year, of Sir Samuel Morton Peto, Bart., once well-known as a railway and building contractor, and civil engineer, who received his baronetcy for contracting, without profit or remuneration, to construct the railway from Balaclava to Sebastopol at the commencement of the Crimean War, Liberal M.P. for Norwich, Finsbury and Bristol successively; in his seventy-fifth year, of Mr. William Henry Leatham, a banker in Wakefield, and Liberal M.P. for that borough and for the Southern Division of the West Riding successively, an author in prose and verse, whose sister became the second wife of

the late Mr. John Bright; of Mr. David Berry, an Australian millionaire, and native of Fifeshire, who has bequeathed 100,000.0 to his alma mater, the University of St. Andrew's; in his eighty-eighth year, of the Very Rev. John Bramston, some time Dean of Winchester; in his forty-second year, of the Rev. William G. Elmslie, Professor of Hebrew, and Old Testament Exegesis in the Presbyterian College, Queen Square; of Dr. Alexander Potts, the able head master, since its opening, of Fettes College, Edinburgh, previously an assistant master at Rugby; of Mr. David Ward, successively Master Cutler and Mayor of Sheffield, and head of the largest edge-tool firm in the Kingdom; of Mr. W. J. Fitze, Senior Constructor of Portsmouth Dockyard; and in his sixty-seventh year, of Mr. Robert Whelan Boyle, a veteran London journalist, for more than twenty years editor of the Daily Chronicle. than twenty years editor of the Daily Chronicle.



AN ATTEMPT TO MURDER Mr. S. B. Bristowe, Q.C., Judge of the Nottingham County Court, and brother of Sir Fox Bristowe, Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was made on Tuesday evening. The motive was revenge; the perpetrator, Arnemann, a German, and an artificial teeth manufacturer in Nottingham, having German, and an artificial teeth manufacturer in Nottingham, having been non-suited the same day by the judge in an action to recover the value of teeth supplied by him. In several similar cases judgment having been given against him, he had been heard to say that it was impossible for him to get justice. He is a man of eccentric habits, and has been for some time in a despondent state, the result, it is believed, of financial embarrassment. Judge Bristowe, according to his usual habit, was returning to his home at West Hallam, Derbyshire, by the 4:40 P.M. train from the Great Northern Station at Nottingham. Just as he was about to step into the railway carriage, Arnemann, who, unperceived, had followed him to the station and taken a ticket to West Hallam, fired a revolver at him. The bullet entered two inches below the left shoulder, and the judge fell moaning to the ground, whence he was taken to the General Hospital in a very critical condition. The assassin, who was at once seized and handed over to the police, exclaimed, "I had his blood; I wish I may have killed him." At the time of our going to press, Judge Bristowe had rallied, and his condition was regarded as re-assuring. Arnemann was brought before the Nottingham magistrates on Wednesday, and formal evidence having been given, he was remanded.

The charge of assault brought by Mr. Macrae, editor of the Financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the Financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the Financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the Financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the Financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the financial Times against Mr. Geometric and the policy of the financial Times against the policy of the financial times aga

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THE charge of assault brought by Mr. Macrae, editor of the Financial Times, against Mr. Green was tried this week at the Central Criminal Court. Mr. Green had brought an action for libel against Mr. Macrae, and when both were leaving the Examiner's Office, an altercation taking place, the alleged assault was committed. For the defence it was contended that the prosecutor provoked and began the fray, and the jury acquitted the defendant.

secutor provoked and began the fray, and the jury acquitted the defendant.

MESSRS. DARNLEY AND FENN assigned for a term of years to Miss Melnotte the right of representing their farcical comedy The Barrister. In the course of her dealings with it, she sub-let, so to speak, the provincial representation of the piece to a Mr. Tate. A dispute arose between the authors and herself as to their share in the provincial "takings." Of more general interest was their denial of the right, unless specified in the agreement, of the lessee of a drama to sub-let it. In this particular case it was contended for the plaintiffs, the authors, that Miss Melnotte, the defendant, having an established reputation, a travelling company under her acknowledged control would secure larger returns than one under some less-known person, who might also have the play performed by inferior actors to the prejudice of the authors. Mr. Justice Mathew gave judgment for the 57t. claimed by the plaintiffs.

THE POLICE MADE A RAID on the ground-floor of premises in Meard Street, Soho, one room in which was occupied by a Jewish tailor and his wife, named Levi. In the other, also rented by Levi, he and some twenty men, chiefly journeymen tailors, were found to have been playing faro, a game distinctly prohibited by Act of Parliament under a penalty of 500t. Brought up at Marlborough Street, they were remanded for eight days, but liberated on their own recognisances, with the exception of Levi, who had to find bail, the Magistrate remarking that though the "club" was a small affair, it might do considerable mischief.

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If Lastingham, instead of being in our very midst, were half-way up the Himalayas, or in some other region equally difficult of access, the path that leads there would be thronged with tourists; as it is, a stranger is greeted with open-eyed wonder by the natives, who marvel aloud as to what can have brought him to their hamlet. Yet it possesses the very things' that are supposed to be peculiarly attractive to travellers.

There is at Lastingham the most perfectly preserved subterranean church in England; one, too, that dates back to the seventh century, and has attached to it any number of quaint legends and traditions, some redounding to the glory of the saints; others to the shame of those who usurped their name, but not their virtues.

One would have thought that clergymen and architects would have flocked there, if only for the sake of that church. There are also in the village the ruins of the first monastery ever built in Yorkshire; a drinking-fountain erected in very far back days; the remains of an undoubted Roman camp; stones with runic inscriptions; strangely shaped crosses—all things dear to the heart of an antiquarian.

The geologist, or the ethnologist, who chooses to stay at Lastingham, has quite a special treat at hand, for the well-known Kirkdale Cave is within an easy walk. Kirkdale, "that most productive ossiferous cavern," as the encyclopædias style it, where hyenas and rhinoceroses dwelled until the rigours of our climate exterminated them. There are indications, too, that Kirkdale was at one time a favourite retreat of human cave-dwellers. Botanists would meet with a thousand surprises in those narrow little winding dales, where, as the north-east wind cannot enter, delicate ferns and anemones flourish.

In spite of all these attractions, and many more, the only visitors who seem really to appreciate Lastingham are sportsmen, who go there in search of partridges and grouse; not archeological, or any other sort of remains.

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This Cedd is by no means such a mythical individual as many of the founders of the early churches; he contrived to leave behind him well-authenticated proofs of his existence by carving his name, and a few other particulars, in clear characters, upon stones, one of which he placed in each building he erected. Then, too, he acted as interpreter during the great Synod at Whitby, an office that secured for him an assured place in history; whilst a further halo was cast around him by the fact of his being the brother of Ceadda, a renowned churchman and saint—the terms in those days were no means synonymous. Beyond some few stones, nothing now remains of Cedd's Monastery, where all the learned and pious men of the north used to gather around him.

There seems to have been no strict rule of life at Lastingham, each man being allowed to work out his own salvation in the way that seemed best in his own eyes. Some of the monks devoted their lives to reading and studying, others to preaching and prayer; others, again, to clearing the moorland, and cultivating the soil. The cowherd and the student took equal rank, for the dignity of labour was one of the first lessons taught by the early preachers; and when Oswini, one of the greatest nobles of the land, appeared at the monastery door, and prayed to be admitted, we are told he "was clad only in a plain garment, and carrying an axe and mattock in his hand, thereby intimating that he did not go to the monastery to live idle as some do, but to labour." Oswini became a monk, and then, as it was evident "he was less capable of meditating on the Holy Scriptures, so he the more earnestly applied himself to the labour of his hands."

The very liberty of action which, in early days, contributed not a little to the intellectual and spiritual development of the monks of

monastery and go to St. Mary's, in York, where they were under stricter surveillance.

No satisfactory explanation has ever been advanced as to why Cedd built his church underground. It is no mere crypt, there is not a sign of its having been a mausoleum; on the contrary, it was evidently designed with a view to its being used for the ordinary services of the church. It is singularly beautiful in form; the rounded arches are exquisitely graceful, and bear unmistakable signs of the touch of a master hand. How much of the church was really Cedd's work, it would be difficult to decide; but there are clear proofs that it was built in early Saxon days. A second church was built, in wood, immediately above the subterranean edifice; it was, later, replaced by a stone building, and this by the one that is still standing. There is, therefore, the strange spectacle of two churches placed the one above the other, the upper being, in many respects an exact repetition of the one below. From the lower church there is a subterranean passage that leads, if local tradition can be relied upon, to the old Monastery of Rosedale, some three miles distant.

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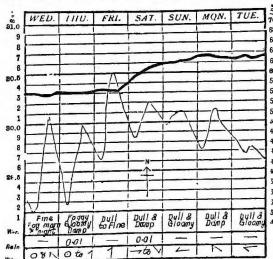
At every turn, on the moorlands, you come across the ruins of old churches, monastic houses, and priories. Is it that the people living there were more strongly imbued with religious sentiment than the inhabitants of the rest of the land? Or, is it that the northerners committed more deeds of ruthless violence than the southerners, and that these were their sin offerings?

Within walking distance of Lastingham are the Abbeys of Rievoulx and Byland, both 'buildings upon which unbounded wealth, artistic as well as material, must have been lavished; Rosedale Abbey, Kirkdale Monastery, Keldholme Priory, Sunnington Monastery, and Newburgh Priory, all important edifices in their day and rich in legendary lore.

Surely then, little Lastingham, with its keen, fresh breezes and its wild heathery moors, well deserves a visit, if it be for nothing but the memory it evokes.

WEATHER CHART

FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1889.



EXPLANATION.—The thick line shows the variations in the height of the barometer during the week ending Tuesday midnight (19th inst.). The fine line shows the shade temperature for the same interval, and gives the maximum and minimum readings for each day, with the (approximate) time at which they occurred. The information is furnished to us by the Meteorological Office.

REMARKS.—Taken as a whole the weather of the past week was quiet, dull and mild in nearly all parts of the United Kingdom. A good deal of mist or fog prevailed from time to time—especially during the early part of the period; and while the rainfall, with one or two exceptions in the West and North, was but light, the air was mostly very damp. Throughout the week a large anticyclone was located over the Continent, the central area being found chiefly over Germany or Austria, while occasionally depressions travelling Northwards skirted our North-Western Coasts. These low pressure systems, however, never encroached sufficiently inland to cause more than a temporary freshening of the Southerly winds, and some rain on those Coasts. Thus during the greater part of the time the weather over our Islands was influenced by the high pressure system in the South-East, and while light Southerly breezes predominated, a fair proportion of variable airs was experienced. Wet fogs and mists, or very dull gloomy weather, prevailed very generality, the only intervals of bright sunny skies being reported on Saturday and Sunday (16th and 17th inst.), from some of the Northern Stations. Temperature, which varied more in the course of this week than of late, was decidedly low at first, but as the week advanced the thermometer rose considerably above the average very generally. The highest readings of the week, which occurred on Friday (13th inst.); rose to 60 in London, and to rather less than that value along our South Coasts. The lowest, which occurred at the beginning of the time, ranged from 26 to 28° at a few of the inland England Stations.

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THE CAMEL RACE—ROUNDING THE POST
THE PRINCE OF WALES IN EGYPT—THE RACES AT CAIRO



Duke of Sparta

Prince of Wales Queen of Greece Queen of Denmark



DRAWN BY W. SMALL

Again she filled up his glass-which he had not emptied.

PRINCE FORTUNATUS" "THE NEW

BY WILLIAM BLACK,

AUTHOR OF "A PRINCESS OF THULE," "MACLEOD OF DARE," &c.

CHAPTER XIX.

ENTRAPPED

THERE were two young gentlemen standing with their backs to the fire in the supper-room of the Garden Club. They were rather good-looking young men, very carefully shaven and shorn, grey-eyed, far-moustached; and in-leed they were so extremely like each other that it might have been hard to distinguish between them but that the one chewed a toothpick and the other a cigarette. Both were in evening dress, and both still wore the over-coat and crush-hat in which they had come into the club. They could talk freely, without risk of being overheard; for the members along there at the suppertable were all listening—with much laughter—to a professional entertainer, who, unlike the proverbial clown released from the jantomime, was never so merry and amusing as when diverting a select little circle of friends with his own marvellous adventures.

"It's about time for Lionel Moore to make his appearance," said one of the two companions, glancing at the clock.

"I would rather have anybody else, if it comes to that," said the other, peevishly. "Moore spoils the game all to bits. You never know where to have him—"

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"Yes, that's just where he finds his salvation," continued he of the toothpick. "Mind you, that wild play has its advantages. He gets caught now and again; but he catches you at times. You make sure he is bluffing, you raise him and raise him, then you call him—and find he has three aces! And I will say this for Moore—he's a capital loser. He doesn't seem to mind losing a bit, so long as you keep on. You would think he was a millionaire; only a millionaire would have an eye on every chip, I suppose. What salary do they give him at the New Theatre?"

"Fifty pounds a week, I've heard say; but people tell such lies. Even fifty pounds a week, I've heard say; but people tell such lies. Even fifty pounds a week won't hold out if he goes on like that. What I maintain is that it isn't good poker. For one thing, I object to 'straddling' altogether; it's simply a stupid way of raising the stakes; of course, the straddler has the advantage of coming in last, but then look at the disadvantage of having to bet first. No, I don't object to betting before the draw; that's sensible: there's some skill and judgment in that; but straddling is simply stapid. You ought to make it easy for every one to come in; that's the proper game; frighten them out afterwards if you can." And then he added, gloomily: "That fellow Moore is a regular bull in a china-shop."

"I suspect he has been raking over a few of your chips, Bertie," his companion said, with a placid grin.

Just as he was speaking, Lionel entered the room, an l, having ordered some supper, took a seat at the table. One of those young gentlemen, throwing away his toothpick, came and sat down opposite him.

"Big house to-night, as usual?" he asked.

"Full," was the answer. "I dare say when the archangel blows his trump, the Squire's Daughter will still be advertised in the bills all over the town. I don't see why it should stop before then."

"It would be a sudden change for the company, wouldn't it? the young man on the other side of the table said. "Fancy, now, a music-hall songer—no disrespect to you, Moore—I mean a music-hall comic—fancy his finding himself all at once in heaven; don't you think he'd feel deuced awkward? He wouldn't be quite at home, would he?—want to get back to Mr. Chairman and the chorus in the gallery, eh, what?—'pon my soul, it would make a capital picture if you could get a fellow with plenty of imagination to do it—quite tragic, don't you know,—you'd have the poor devil's face just full of misery—not knowing where to go or what to do—'

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"The British public would be inclined to rise and rend that nainter," said Lionel, carelessly; this young man was useful as a poker-player, but otherwise not interesting.

Two or three members now came in; and by the time Lionel had finished his frugal supper, there was a chosen band of five ready to go upstairs and set to work with the cards. There was some ordering of lemon-squashes and further cigarettes; new packs were brought by the waiter; the players took their places; and the game was opened. With a sixpenny 'ante' and a ten-shilling 'limit,' the amusement could have been kept mild enough by any one who preferred it should remain so.

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But the usual thing happened. Now and again a fierce fight would ensue between two good hands, and that seemed to arouse a spirit of general emulation and eagerness; the play grew more bold; bets apart from the game were laid by individual players between themselves. The putting up of the 'ante' became a mere farce, for every one came in as a matter of course, even if he had to draw five cards; and already the piles of chips on the table had undergone serious diminution or augmentation—in the latter case there was a glimmer of gold among the bits of ivory. There was no visible excitement, however; perhaps a player caught bluffing might smile a little—that was all.

Lionel had been pretty fortunate, considering his wild style of play; but then his very recklessness stood him in good stead when he chanced to have a fair hand—his reputation for bluffing leading

on his opponents. And then an extraordinary bit of luck had befallen him. On this occasion the first hand dealt him contained three queens, a seven, and a five. To make the other players imagine he had either two pairs or was drawing to a flush, he threw away only one of the two useless cards—the five, as it chanced; but his satisfaction (which he bravely endeavoured to conceal) may be imagined when he found that the single card dealt him in its place was a seven—he therefore had a full hand! When it came to his turn, instead of beginning cautiously as an ordinary player would have done, he boldly raised the bet ten shillings. But that frightened nobody. His game was known; they imagined he had either two pairs or had failed to fill his flush and was merely bluffing. When, however, there was another raise of ten shillings from the opposite side of the table, that was a very different matter: one by one the others dropped out, leaving these two in. And then it went on:

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went on: "Well, I'll just see your ten shillings, and raise you another

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"And another ten."

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Of course universal attention was now concentrated on this duel.
Probably four out of five of the players were of opinion that Lionel Moore was bluffing: that at least was certainly the opinion of his antagonist, who kept raising and raising without a qualm. At length both of them had to borrow money to go on with; but still the duel continued, and still the pile of gold and chips in the middle of the table grew and increased.

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Not a word of encouragement or dissuasion was uttered by any one of the onlookers; they sate silent and amused, wondering which of the two was about to be smitten under the fifth rib. And at last it was Lionel's opponent who gave in.

"On this occasion," said he, depositing his half-sovereign, "I will simply gaze; what have you got?"

"Well, I have got a full hand," Lionel answered, putting down the cards on the table.

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After this dire combat, the game fell flat a little; but interest was soon revived by a round of Jack-pots; and here again Lionel was in good luck. Indeed, when the players rose from the table about three o'clock he might have come away a winner of close on £10

had not some reckless person called out something about whi kyhad not some reckless person called out something about whi kypoker. Now whisky-poker is the very stupidest form of gambling that the mind of man has ever conceived, though at the end of the evening some folk hunger after it as a kind of final fillip. Each person puts down a certain sum—it may be a sovereign, it may be five sovereigns; poker hands are dealt out, the cards being displayed face upwards on the table; there is no drawing; whoever has the best hand simply annexes the pool. It looks like a game, but it is not a game; it is merely cutting the cards; but as the stakes can be doubled or trebled each round, the jaded appetite for gambling finds here a potent and fiery stimulant just as the party breaks up. Lionel was not anxious to get away with the money he had won. It was he who proposed to increase the stakes to £10 from each player—which the rest of them, to their credit be it said, refused to do. In the end, when they went to get their hats and coats before issuing the end, when they went to get their hats and coats before issuing into the morning air, some one happened to ask Lionel how he had come off on the whole night; and he replied that he did not think he had either won or lost anything to speak of. He hardly knew.

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The dawn was not yet. The gas-lamps shone in the murky thoroughfares as he set out for Piccadilly—alone. The others all went away in hansoms; he preferred to walk. And even when he reached his rooms, he did not go to bed at once; he sat up thinking, a prey to a strange sort of restlessness that had of late taken possession of him. For this young man's gay and happy butterfly-life was entirely gone. The tragic disappearance of Nina, followed by the sudden shattering of all his visionary hopes in connection with Honnor Cunnyngham, had left him in a troubled, anxious, morbid state that he himself, perhaps, could not well have accounted for. Then the sense of solitariness that he had experienced when he found that Nina had so unexpectedly vanished from his ken had been state that he himself, perhaps, could not well have accounted for. Then the sense of solitariness that he had experienced when he found that Nina had so unexpectedly vanished from his ken had been intensified since he had taken to declining invitations from his fashionable friends, and spending his nights in the aimless distraction of gambling at the Garden Club. Was there a touch of hurt pride in his withdrawal from the society of those who in former days used to be called "the great?" At least he discovered this, that if he did wish to withdraw from their society, nothing in the world was easier. They did not importune him. He was free to go his own way. Perhaps this also wounded him; perhaps it was to revenge himself that he sought to increase his popularity with the crowd; at night he sang with a sort of bravado to bring down the house; in the day-time it comforted him to perceive from a distance in that or the other window a goodly display of his photographs, which he had learned to recognise from afar. But in whatever direction these wayward moods drew him or tossed him, there was ever this all-pervading disquiet, and a haunting regret that almost savoured of remorse, and a sick impatience of the slow-passing and lonely hours. He had given up all hopes of hearing from Nina now, or of gaining any news of her. Pandiani had nothing to tell him. The Signorina Antonia Rossi had not written to any of her Neapolitan friends, so far as could be ascertained, since the previous December: certainly she had not presented herself here in Naples. to seek any

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But one morning Estelle made a new suggestion.

"There is something I have recalled; yes; it is perhaps of not great importance; yet perhaps again," she said. "One day Nina and I we were speaking, of this thing and the other, and she said it was right and proper that a young lady should have a dot—what is the English?—no matter. She said the young lady should bring something towards the—the management; and she asked how she or I could do that. Then comes her plan. She was thinking of it before she arrives in England. It was to go to America—to be engaged for concerts—oh, they pay large, large salaries, if you have a good voice—and Nina would take engagements for all the big cities, until she got over to San Francisco, and from there to Australia—a great tour—a long time—but at the end, then she has the little fortune, and she is independent, whatever happens. Marriage?—well, perhaps not; but she is independent. Yes, it was Nina's plan to go away on that long tour; but she comes to England—she is engaged at the New Theatre—she practises her little economies—but not so as it would be in America, and now, now if she wishes to go away for a long, long time, is it not America? She goes on the long vowers a she fewarts. Inttle economies—but not so as it would be in America, and now, now if she wishes to go away for a long, long time, is it not America? She goes on the long voyage; she forgets—what she wishes to forget. Her singing, it is constant occupation; she must work; and they welcome a good voice there—she will have friends. Do you consider it not possible? Yes, it is possible—for that is to go entirely away, and there is no danger of any one interfering."

"It's just frightful to think of," he said, "if what you imagine is correct. Fancy her crossing the Atlantic all by herself—landing in New York unknown to any human being there——"
"Ah, but do you fear for Nina?" Estelle cried. "No, no—she has courage—she has self-reliance, even in despair—she will have made preparations for all. Everywhere she has her passport—in her voice. 'I am Miss Ross, from the New Theatre, London,' she says. 'How do we know that you are Miss Ross?' 'Give me a sheet of music, then.' Perhaps it is in a theatre or a concert-room. Nina sings. 'Thank you, Mademoiselle, it is enough: what are the terms you wish for an engagement?' Then it is finished; and Nina has all her plans made for her, by the management; and she goes from one town to the other, far away perhaps, perhaps she has not much time to think of England. So much the better: poor Nina!"

And for a while he took an eager interest in the American news-papers. Such of them as he could get hold of he read diligently— particularly the columns in which concerts and musical entertainments were announced or reported. But there was no mention of Miss Ross, or of any new singer whom he could identify with her. Gradually he lost all hope in that direction also. He did not forget Nina. He could not; but he grew to think that—whether forget Nina. He could not; but he grew to think that—whether she was in America, or in Australia, or in whatever far land she might be—she had gone away for ever. Her abrupt disappearance was no momentary withdrawal; she had sundered their familiar association, their close comradeship, that was never to be resumed; according to the old and sad refrain, it was 'Adieu for evermore, my dear, and adieu for evermore!' Well, for him there were still crowded houses with their dull thunders of applause; and there were cards and betting to send the one feverish hour flying after the other; and there were the lonely walks through the London the daytime-when the hours did not fly so quickly. had carefully put away those trinkets that Nina had returned to him; he would fain have forgotten their existence.

And then there was Miss Burgoyne. Miss Burgoyne could be very brisk and cheerful when she chose; and she now seemed bent on showing Mr. Lionel Moore the sunnier side of her character. In truth she was most assiduously kind to the young man, even when she scolded him about the life he was leading. Her room and its mild refreshments were always at his disposal. She begged for his photograph, and, having got it, she told him to write something very nice and pretty at the foot of it: why should formalities be used between people so intimately and constantly associated? On more than one occasion she substituted a real rose (which was not nearly so effective, however) for the millinery blossom which Grace Mainwaring had to drop from the balcony to her lover below; and of course Lionel had to treasure the flower, and keep it in water, until

the hot and gassy atmosphere of his dressing-room killed it. Once or twice she called him Lionel, by way of pretty inadvertence.

There came an afternoon when the fog that had lain all day over London deepened and deepened until in the evening the streets were become almost impassable. The various members of the company, setting out in good time, managed to reach the theatre—though there were breathless accounts of adventures and escapes as this one or that hurried through the wings and down into the dressing-room there were breathless accounts of adventures and escapes as this one or that hurried through the wings and down into the dressing-room corridor; but the public, not being paid to come forth on such a night, for the most part preferred the snugness and safety of their own homes, so that the house was but half filled, and the faces of the scant audience were more dusky than ever—were almost invisible—beyond the blaze of the footlights. And as the performance proceeded, Miss Burgoyne professed to become more and more alarmed. Dreadful reports came in from without. All traffic was suspended. It was scarcely possible to cross a street. Even the policemen, familiar with the thoroughfares, dared hardly leave the pavement to escort a bewildered traveller to the other side.

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When Lionel, having dressed for the last act, went into Miss
Burgoyne's room, he found her (apparently) very much perturbed.

"Have you heard? It's worse than ever!" she called to him
from the inner constraint.

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"Whatever am I to do!" she exclaimed—her anxiety proving too

much for her grammar.
"Well, I think you couldn't do better than stop where you are,"

Harry Thornhill made answer, carelessly.

"Stop where I am? It's impossible! My brother Jim would go frantic. He would make sure I was run over, or drowned, or something—and be off to the police-stations."

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"Not if he thought his sister was lost? That's all you know. There are some people who do have a little affection in their nature," said Miss Burgoyne, as she drew aside the curtain, and came forth, and went to the tall glass. "But surely I can get a four-wheeled cab, Mr. Moore? I will give the man a sovereign to take me safe home. And even then it will be dreadful. I get so frightened in a bad fog—absolutely terrified—and especially at night. Supposing the man were to lose his way? Or he might be drunk? I wish I had asked Jim to come down for me. There's Miss Constance's mother never misses a single night: I wonder who she thinks is going to run away with that puny-faced creature!"

"Oh, if you are at all afraid to make the venture alone, I will go with you," said he. "I don't suppose I can see further in a fog than any one else; but if you are nervous about being alone, you'd better let me accompany you."

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"Will you?" she said, suddenly wheeling round, and bestowing upon him a glance of obvious gratitude. "That is indeed kind of you! Now I don't care for all the fogs in Christendom. But really and truly," she added, "really and truly you must tell me if I am taking you away from any other engagement."

"Not at all," he said, idly. "I had thought of going up to the Garden Club for some supper; but it isn't the sort of night for anybody to be wandering about. When I've left you in the Edgware Road, I can find my way to my rooms easily. Once in Park Lane, I could go blindfold."

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And very proud and pleased was Miss Burgoyne to accept his escort—that is to say, when he had, with an immense amount of trouble, brought a four-wheeled cab, accompanied by two link-boys trouble, brought a four-wheeled cab, accompanied by two link-boys with blazing torches, up to the stage-door. And when they had started off on their unknown journey through this thick chaos, she did not minimise the fears she otherwise should have suffered: this was thanking him by implication. As for the route chosen by the cabman, or rather by the link-boys, neither he nor she had the faintest idea what it was. Outside they could see nothing but the gold-and-crimson of the torches flaring through the densely yellow tog; while the grating of the wheels against the kerb told them that their driver was keeping as close as he could to the payement. their driver was keeping as close as he could to the pavement. Then they would find themselves leaving that guidance, and blindly adventuring out into the open thoroughfare to avoid some obstacle —some spectral wain or omnibus got hopelessly stranded; while there were muffled cries and calls here, there, and everywhere. They went at a snail's pace, of course. Once, at a corner, the near wheels got on the pavement; the cab tilted over; Miss Burgoyne shrieked aloud, and clung to her companion; then there was a heavy bump, and the venerable vehicle resumed its slow progress. Suddenly they beheld a cluster of dim, nebulous, phantom lights

high up in air.
"This must be Oxford Circus, surely," Lionel said.

He put his head out of the window, and called to the cabman.

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"Where are we now, cabby?"
"Blessed if I know, sir!" was the husky answer, coming from under the heavy folds of a cravat.
"Boy," he called again, "where are we? Is this Oxford

"'No, no, sir," responded the sharp voice of the London gamin.
We aint 'alf-way up Regent Street yet!" He shut the window.

"At this rate, goodness only knows when you'll ever get home," he said to her. "You should have stopped at the theatre." "Oh, I don't mind," said she, cheerfully. "It's an adventure. It's something to be talked of afterwards. I shouldn't wonder if the theatrical papers got hold of it—just the kind of paragraph to go the round—Harry Thornhill and Grace Mainwaring lost in a fog together. No, I don't mind. I'm very well off. But fancy some of these poor girls about the theatre who must be twing toget hem. of those poor girls about the theatre, who must be trying to get home on foot. No four-wheeled cabs for them: no companion to keep up

eir spirits. I shan't forget your kindness, Mr. Moore." Indeed Lionel was much more anxious than she was. He would rather have done without that paragraph in the newspapers. All his senses were on the rack; and yet he could make out absolutely nothing of his whereabouts in this formless void of a world, with its opaque atmosphere, its distant calls, enquiries, warnings, its murky lamp-lights that only became visible when they were over one's head. Miss Burgoyne seemed to be well-content, to be amused even. She liked to see her name in the newspapers. There would be a pretty little paragraph to get quoted in gossipy columns, even if she and her more anxious fellow-adventurer did not reach home till breakfast time.

The link-boys certainly deserved the very substantial reward that Lionel bestowed on them; for when, after what seemed interminable hours—with all kinds of stoppages and enquiries in this Egyptian darkness—the cab came to a final halt, and when Miss Burgoyne had been piloted across the pavement, she declared that here, indubitably, was her own door. Indeed, at this very moment it was opened, and there was a glimmer of a candle in the

"No, Mr. Moore," she said distinctly, when Lionel came back after paying the cabman, "you are not going off like that, certainly not. You must be starving; you must come up-stairs and have something to eat and drink. Jim," she said, addressing her brother, who was standing there, candle in hand, "have you left any supper

for us?"
"I haven't touched a thing yet," said he. "I've been waiting

for you I don't know how long."
"There's a truly heroic brother!" exclaimed the young lady, as
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enough for two is enough for three. Come along, Mr. Moore; and now you've got safely into a house, I think you'd much better have Jim's room for the night—or the morning, rather: I'm sure Jim won't mind taking the sofa."

"I? Not I!" said her brother, blowing out the candle as they

entered the lamp-lit room.

It was a pretty room, and with its blazing fire looked very warm and snug after the cold, raw night without. Miss Burgoyne threw off her cloak and hat, and set to work to supplement the supper the brother time. off her close and any super that was already laid on the central table. Her brother Jim—who was a dawdling, goodnatured-looking lad of about fifteen clad in a marvellous costume of cricketing trousers, a "blazer" of overpowering blue and yellow stripes, and an Egyptian fez set far back on his ing blue and yellow stripes, and an Egyptain itz set iar back on his forehead—helped her to explore the contents of the cupboard; and very soon the three of them were seated at a comfortable, and most very soon the three of them were seated at a comfortable, and most welcome, little banquet. Indeed the charming little feast was almost sumptuous: insomuch that Lionel was inclined to ask himself whether Miss Burgoyne, who was an astute young lady, had not foreseen the possibility of this small supper-party before leaving home in the afternoon. The oysters, for example: did Miss Burgoyne order a dozen oysters for herself alone every evening?—for her brother declared that he had never touched, and would not touch, any such thing. Lionel observed that his own photograph, which he had recently given her, had been accorded the place of honour on the mantel-shelf: another portrait of him, which she had bought, stood on the piano. But why these trivial

place of honour on the mantel-shelf: another portrait of him, which she had bought, stood on the piano. But why these trivial suspicions?—when she was so kind and hospitable and considerate! She pressed things on him; she herself filled up his glass; she was as merry as possible, and talkative, and good-humoured.

"Just to think we've known each other so long, and you've never been in my house before!" she said. "That's a portrait of my younger sister you're looking at—isn't she pretty? It's a pastel—Miss Corkran's. Of course she is not allowed to sit up for me; only Jim does that; he keeps me company at supper-time; for I couldn't sit down all by myself, could I, in the middle of the night? Oh, yes, you must have some more: I know gentlemen are afraid of champagne in a house looked after by a woman; but that's all Oh, yes, you must have some more: I know gentlemen are afraid of champagne in a house looked after by a woman; but that's all right; that was sent me as a Christmas present by Mr. Lehmann—"
"It is excellent," Lionel assured her, "but I must keep my head clear if I am to find my way into Park Lane: after that, it will be easy enough getting home."

"But there's Jim's room!" she exclaimed.
"Oh, no, thank you," he said; "I shall get down there without any trouble."

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And then she went to a cabinet that formed part of a bookcase

and returned with a cigar-box in her hand.
"I am not so sure of these," she said.
"They are some I got

when papa was last in town; and he seemed to think them tolerable—"

"Oh, but I shan't smoke, thanks—no, no, I couldn't think of 1" he protested. "You'll soon be coming down again to breakit!" he protested.

"To please me, Mr. Moore," she said, somewhat authoritatively.
"I assure you there's nothing in the world I like so much as the smell of cigars."
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What was she going to say next? But he took a cigar and lit it; and again she filled up his glass—which he had not emptied; and they set to talking about the Royal Academy of Music, while she nibbled Lychee nuts, and her brother Jim subsided into a French novel. Miss Burgoyne was a sharp and shrewd observer; she had had a sufficiently varied career; and had come through some amusing experiences. She talked well; but on this evening, or morning, rather, always on the good-natured side: if she described the foibles of any one with whom she had come in contact, it was with a laugh. Lionel was inclined to forget that outer world of thick cold fog, so warm and pleasant was the bright and pretty room, so easily the time seemed to pass.

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However, he had to tear himself away in the end. She insisted on his having a muffler of Jim's to wrap round his throat; both she and her brother went downstairs to see him out; and then, with a hasty good-bye, he plunged into the dark. He had some difficulty in crossing to the top of Park Lane, for there were waggons come in from the country waiting for the daylight to give them some chance of moving on; but eventually he found himself in the well-known thoroughfare, and thereafter had not much trouble in getting down to his rooms in Piccadilly. This time he went to bed without sitting up in front of the fire, in aimless reverie.

This was not the last he was to hear of that adventure. Two days afterward the foreshadowed paragraph appeared in an evening paper; and from thence it was copied into all the weekly periodicals that deal more or less directly with theatrical affairs. It was headed 'The Squire's Daughter in Wednesday night's fog;' and gave a minute and somewhat highly coloured account of Miss Burgoyne's experiences on the night in question; while the fact of her having been escorted by Mr. Lionel Moore was pointed to as another instance of the way in which professional people were always ready to help each other. That this account emanated in the first place from Miss Burgoyne herself, there could be no doubt whatever; for there were certain incidents—as, for example, the cab wheels getting up on the pavement, and the near upsetting of the vehicle—which were only known to herself and her companion; but Lionel did not in his own mind accuse her of having directly instigated its publication. He thought it was more likely one of the advertising tricks of Mr. were only known to herself and her companion; but Lionel did not in his own mind accuse her of having directly instigated its publication. He thought it was more likely one of the advertising tricks of Mr. Lehmann, who was always trying to keep the chief members of his company well before the public. It was the first time, certainly, that he, Lionel, had had his name coupled (unprofessionally) with that of Miss Burgoyne in the columns of a newspaper; but was that of any consequence? People might think what they liked. He had grown a little reckless and careless of late.

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But a much more important event was now about to happen which the theatrical papers would have been glad to get for their weekly gossip, had the persons chiefly concerned thought fit. Just at this gossip, had the persons chiefly concerned thought fit. Just at this age, a loan-collection of arms and embroideries of the middle age; and there was to be a Private View on the Saturday preceding the opening of the exhibition to the public. Amongst others, Miss opening of the exhibition to the public. Amongst others, Miss Burgoyne received a couple of cards of invitation; whereupon she came to Lionel, told him that her brother Jim was going to see some came to Lionel, told him that her brother Jim was going to see some football match on that day, explained that she was very anxious to have a look at the precious needlework, and virtually asked him to have a look at the precious needlework, and virtually asked him to take her to the show. Lionel hung back; the crowd at this Private take her to the some include a number of fashionable felk; there wight be one or two people there whom he would rather not meet. But Miss Burgoyne was gently persuasive, not to say pertinacious; the could not well refuse; finally it was arranged he should call for her about half past one o'clock on the Saturday, so that they might have a look round before the crush began in the afternoon.

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When he called for her, he found her attired in a most channel. when he called for her, he found her attired in a most channing costume; though, to be sure, when she was at last ready to go, he may have thought her furs a trifle too magnificent for her height. They drove in a hansom to Bond Street. There were few people in the rooms; certainly no one whom he knew; she could study those gorgeous treasures of embroidery from Italy and the East, he could examine the swords and daggers and coats of mail, as they pleased. examine the swords and daggers and coats of mail, as they pleased.

And when they had lightly released sound the rooms he was for examine the swords and daggers and coats of mail, as they prease for And when they had lightly glanced round the rooms, he was for getting away again; but she was bent on remaining until the worll should arrive, and declared that she had not half exhausted the interest of the world. interest of the various cases.

As it chanced, the first persons he saw whom he knew were Miss Georgie Lestrange and her brother; and Miss Georgie, not perceiving that any one was with him (for Miss Burgoyne was at perceiving the moment feasting her eyes on some rich-hued Persian stuffs), came

up to him.

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"Why, Mr. Moore, you have reproachfully. "Where have you

been? What have you been doing?"

"Don't you ever read the newspapers, Miss Lestrange?" he

said. "I have been advertised as being on view every night at the

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off-hand way.

"Oh, certainly," replied Miss Georgie. "She is going everywhere just now, in order to put everything into her new novel. Where just now, in order to put everything into her new novel. It is to be a perfectly complete picture of London life as we see it

around us.
"That is, the London between Bond-street and Campden Hill?"
"Oh, well, all London is too big for one canvas. You must
cut it into sections. I dare say she will take up Whitechapel in her

next book."

Miss Burgoyne turned from the glass case to seek her companion, and seemed a little surprised to find him talking to these two strangers. It was the swiftest glance; but Miss Georgie divined the situation in an instant.

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"Good-bye for the present," she said, and she and her brother passed on.

And now he was more anxious than ever to get away. If Lady Adela and her sisters were coming to this exhibition, was it not highly probable that Honnor Cunyngham might be of the party? He did not wish to meet any one of them; especially did he not care to meet them while he was acting as escort to Miss Burgoyne. There were reasons which he could hardly define; he only knew that the clicking of the turnstile on the stair was an alarming sound; and that he regarded each new group of visitors, as they came into the room, with a furtive apprehension.

"Oh, very well," Miss Burgoyne said, at length, "let us go." And on the staircase she again said: "What is it? Are you afraid of meeting the mamma of some girl you've jilted? Or some man to whom you owe money for cards? Ah, Master Lionel, when are you going to reform, and lead a steady and respectable life?"

He breathed more freely when he was outside: here, in the crowd, if he met any one to whom he did not wish to speak, he could be engaged with his companion and pass on without recognition. He proposed to Miss Burgoyne that they should walk home, by way of Piccadilly and Park Lane; and that young lady cheerfully assented. It was quite a pleasant afternoon, for London in mid-winter. The setting sun shone with a dull copper lustre along the fronts of the tall buildings; and over the trees of the Green Park hung clouds that were glorified by the intervening red-hued mists. The air was crisp and cold—what a blessing it was to be able to breathe.

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Lionel was silent and absorbed; he only said "Yes?" "Really!" "Indeed," in answer to the vivacious chatter of his companion, who was in the most animated spirits. His brows were drawn down; his look was more sombre than it ought to have been, considering who was with him. Perhaps he was thinking of the crowded rooms they had recently left; and of the friends who might now be arriving there, from whom he had voluntarily isolated himself. Had they, had any one of them, counselled him to keep within his own sphere? Well, he had taken that advice: here he was—walking with Miss Burgoyne!

All of a sudden that young lady stopped and turned to the window of a jeweller's shop; and of course he followed. No wonder her eyes had been attracted: here were all kinds of beautiful things and splendours—tiaras, coronets, necklaces, pendants, bracelets, carrings, bangles, brooches, set with all manner of precious stones, the clear-radiant diamond, the purple amethyst, the sea-green emerald, the mystic opal, the blue-black sapphire, the clouded pearl. Her raptured vision wandered from tray to tray, but it was a comparatively trifling article that finally claimed her attention—a tiny finger-ring set with small rubies and brilliants.

"Oh, do look at this!" she said to her companion. "Did you ever see such a love of a ring—what a perfect engagement-ring it would make!"

Then what mad, half-sullen, half-petulant, and wholly reckless

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Then what mad, half-sullen, half-petulant, and wholly reckless impulse sprang into his brain!

'Well, will you wear that as an engagement-ring, if I give it to

you?" he asked.

She looked up, startled, amused, but not displeased.
"Why, really—really—that is a question to ask!" she exclaimed. "Come along in and see if it fits your finger—come along!" and therewith Miss Burgoyne, a little bewildered, and still inclined to laugh, found herself at the jeweller's counter. Was it a joke? Oh, certainly not. Lionel was quite serious and matter-of-fact. The tray was produced. The ring was taken out. For a moment she hesitated as to which finger to try it on, but overcame that shyness, and placed it on the third finger of her left hand, and said it fitted admirably.

"Just keep it where it is, then," he said; and then he added a word or two to the jeweller, whom he knew; and he and his companion left the shop.

"Oh, Lionel, what an idea!" said Miss Burgoyne, with her eyes bent molestly on the pavement. "If I had fancied you knew that must be think! What would any one think—an engagement in the middle of the streets of London!"

"Plenty of witnesses to the ceremony, that's all," said he, lightly.

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Nay, was there not a curious sense of possession, now that he walked alongside this little bright person in the magnificent furs? He had acquired something by this simple transaction: he would be less lonely now; he would mate with his kind. But he did not choose to look far into the future. Here he was walking along Piccadilly, with a cheerful, and smiling, and prettily-costumed young lady by his side who had just been so kind as to accept an engagement-ring from him; and what more could he want?

"Lionel," she said, still with modestly downcast eyes, "this mastic be known to any human being—no, not to a single human hing not yet, I mean. I will get a strip of white india-rubber to cover the ring, so that no one shall be able to see it on the stage."

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Ferhaps he recalled the fact that recently she had been wearing another ring similarly concealed from the public gaze; or perhaps he had forgotten that little circumstance. What did it matter? Did anything matter? He only knew he had pledged himself to marry Kate Burgoyne—enough.

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A Fine Rubens has been discovered at Arad, in Hungary. It represents St. Lawrence, and is painted on cedar-wood, with the artist's monogram in the corner. Originally it belonged to Catherine II. of Russia.



lived two lives. His life, he thought, was over when, at fifty-five, he loat his first wife; and, accordingly, the second volume of "What I Remember" (Bentley) closed with the year of his loss, 1863, harms of Miss Terman (after interest in many things, and the Eleanor Trollope), made it possible for him to begin again a life which we hope may be so prolonged as to enable him to supplement this third volume with a fourth; for this "old man schatter" (as he calls it) is very pleasant reading. He is a delightful travelling company, and also to see, with his end of touring grounds in his never been our luck to visit. He has a rare way of making friends with his reader, telling him all about his mania for house-buying and house-improving; and, in the frame of mind induced by such confidences, one is ready to profit by the words of wisdom-produced with the seed of the confidences, one is ready to profit by the words of wisdom-produced with the seed of the confidences, one is ready to profit by the words of wisdom-produced with the seed with the seed of the confidences, one is ready to profit by the words of wisdom-profit of the seed with the seed of the confidences, one is ready to profit by the words of wisdom-profit of the seed with the seed of the s

English words of every age, "from the mingling of old French and Anglo-Saxon" to the latest Americanisms, it is also an encyclopædia, treating with unusual fulness of technical matters, and adding much practical information of a kind hitherto excluded from dictionaries. The illustrations, which (as in the "Imperial Dictionary," to which Dr. Whitney acknowledges his many obligations) form a marked feature of the work, give much help in this way; the figure of a "hydraulic accumulator," for instance, is more intelligible than pages of description. "The New English Dictionary" has, we are told, only been consulted in revising the proofs of "A" and part of "B," but the conclusions reached are independent;" nor can the two be fairly brought into comparison. The "A" and part of "B," but the conclusions reached are independent;" nor can the two be fairly brought into comparison. The American work, to be finished within two years, will seize the market; Dr. Murray's book will be what scholars call a ktema es aei. Quotations are given in the case of literary words, of which the proportion is sometimes, for several pages, startlingly few; and also of some scientific words—amphirhine, for instance, being verified from Huxley's "Anatomy," though what claim it has to this distinction over amphipodal, amphigean, &c., it is hard to see. With literary quotations there is always a doubt; who, we may ask, would think that amphiteatrical was first used in Darwin's "Voyage of the Beagle"? It is impossible, nowadays, to separate science and literature; and the close proximity of an exhaustive etymological discussion on anvil, which is traced back to Old Flemish and Old Gothic; with the definition of autrostomus, "a genus of fissirostral and setirostral non-passerine insessorial caprimulgide, with cavernous mouths garnished with long rictal vibrissae," shows a determination in the "Century Dictionary" to stretch comprehensiveness to the uttermost. This first instalment is beautifully printed on the usual glazed American paper.

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The Rev. J. H. Whitehead is quite right in saying that clergymen often read very badly; whether his "Practical Hints on the Public Reading of the Livurgy," by italicising and accenting the important words (Eliot Stock), will be useful, each reader must decide for himself. The fear is lest some, following Mr. Whitehead too implicitly, might take to "preaching the prayers," the worst offence of all. Was it necessary to bring in the poor old joke about "Saddle me the ass?" And was any one ever puzzled as to "speak the word only?" On the other hand, "two other, malefactors" does need notice.

Mr. Spencer Walpole is to be envied, so thoroughly is his subject his hero in "The Life of Lord John Russell" (Longmans). Lord John (of course the earlier title was to be preferred) lived through some of the most remarkable changes in our political history. He untered Parliament in 1813, when England was virtually ruled by a narrow oligarchy—Lord Beaconsfield's "great Houses." Public meetings were then illegal in England. Dear corn and low wages were the aim of the Legislature. The Poor Laws avowedly pandered to rural immorality. All this and much more Lord Russell lived to see altered; indeed, his later years were disquieted by younger men pushing his principles to extremes that he did not relish. In all the earlier home reforms his share was so great as to justify the enthusiasm that his name at one time excited. On his foreign policy the truest comment is his own. In 1859 he wrote, "I have committed many errors—some of them very gross blunders." Among these many will linclude the Schleswig-Holstein business and the Durham letter. The later Mr. Walpole practically g

RECENT POETRY AND VERSE

FROM the pen of Mrs. Emily E. Reader, author of "Voices from Flower-land," "Light Through the Crannies," &c., we have another volume of poems, entitled "Echoes of Thought; A Medley of Verse" (Longmans). It is characterised by that mystical turn of idea which has been noticed in previous publications of the author, Her aim is unquestionably a lofty one, and to it her muse is not altogether unequal. In the blank verse dedication we have a fine thought finely expressed:—

He finds

He finds
No act too mean to bear the stamp of right
On its imperfect face—no thing too small On its imperfect face—no thing too To help in building up a noble life.

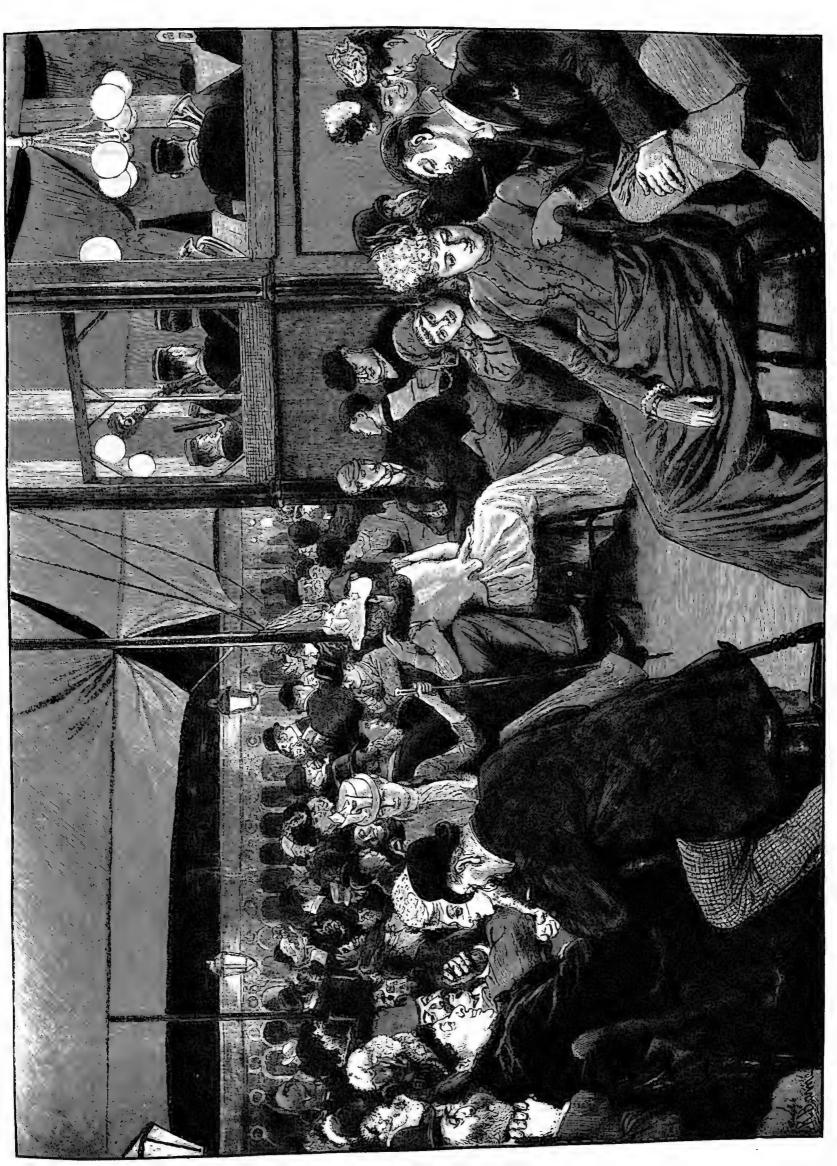
By those who are in sympathy with the Christian spiritualism of the author, "Echoes of Thought" should be heartily appreciated, though much of it may be a little too esoteric for the grasp of the ordinary Philistine reason, and, indeed, with many others it will be a case of "seeing through a glass darkly." We will quote the two concluding verses from the poem "Life" as fairly typical of Mrs. Reader's manner:—

And that which is pure ariseth by severance kind from kind, But that which is gross and heavy remaineth on earth behind, As riseth the fragrance of Nature at the first warm breath of the sun, So that which is spirit upriseth to spirit, and all is done..



A PARADE OF THE HIGHLAND COMPANIES OF THE CAPETOWN VOLUNTEERS, AT CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA





Thy soft head shows in its motion Gloss of Carmel's wildernesses,
And deep violet hues of ocean
Float upon those mystic tresses
[Enter Soldman.]
Where the King now, as he gazes,
Lingers spell-bound in their mazes.

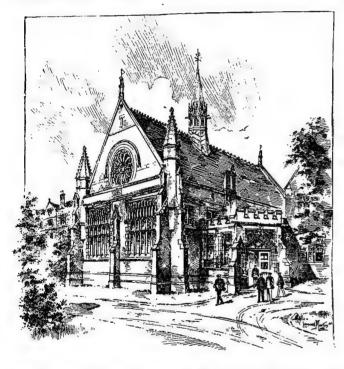
There are some fine poems and sonnets scattered through the

CAVENDISH COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

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The new buildings of Cavendish College, Cambridge, recently erected by the munificence of the Duke of Devonshire (the Chancellor of the University) and Mr. G. E. Foster of Cambridge, were opened on November 16th by the Marquis of Hartington, to meet whom a distinguished assembly of resident members of the University and of visitors assembled at the invitation of the College Council. After a luncheon given in the new College Hall, Professor Liveing, who presided, in proposing the toast of "The Founders of the new Hall," described the College as an institution designed to provide for students, somewhat under the usual age of undergraduates, a University education, with the greatest degree of economy compatible with thorough efficiency. The Marquis of Hartington, replying on behalf of the Duke of Devonshire, dwelt on the importance of the wider diffusion of the advantages of the University which the College offered. Sir James Paget spoke of the importance of the institution in affording training for the medical and scholastic professions. The Vice-Chancellor (Rev. Dr. H. M. Butler, Master of Trinity), in the name of the University welcomed



the College at this new departure in its history. Sir Andrew Clarke spoke warmly in favour of the aims of the College, and Professor Humphry testified to the excellent behaviour and success of the students of the College in the University School of Medicine. Among the guests were Earl Nelson, Lords Kinnaird and Wantage, Sir J. W. Ellis, Professor Sir G. G. Stokes, M.P., Sir H. Roscoe, M.P., Sir F. Bramwell, Sir P. Magnus, Professor Sir G. Paget, Sir G. H. Chambers, Mr. B. Rowlands, M.P., Mr. Penrose Fitzgerald, M.P., Archdeacon Vesey, Professor Seeley, Canon Creighton, and Dr. Jebb. The buildings are of red brick dressed with stone, and comprise, in addition to the Hall (which is wainscotted with walnut, and is one of the largest and finest in the University), cloisters and kitchens, &c., fitted with the most improved cooling and heating apparatus by the Wilson Engineering Company. The cost of the buildings is 6,500L; the architects were Messrs. Giles, Gough, and Trollope, of Craven Street, W.C.; the contractors, Messrs. Claridge and Bloxham, of Banbury.



DID Mr. F. Anstey's "The Pariah" (3 vols.: Smith, Elder, and Co.) contain a single vein of the comedy which is as inseparable from the tragedy of real life as it ought to be from that of fiction; did it rise above life high enough to recognise the necessity of justice; and could one close it without a desire to forget it all as soon as possible—then we should have no hesitation in placing it, despite its needless length and its frequent dulness, among novels of the very highest dignity. While, however, not one of the detractions we have made is fatal of itself, their combination, it need not be said, is inconsistent with rating it so high as its signal power makes us wish were possible. It is far too cruel a work to charm; it is one of those stories which make one ask whether an author has any right to bring into existence real men and women solely for the purpose of making them wicked, or weak, or miserable. The history of Margot Chevening and Allen Chadwick seems to belong to a world which some malignant spirit had fashioned for its own amusement. But we should not feel this were not the power unquestionable; and there is enough of this in the portrait of Margot

to be the making of a dozen pleasanter novels. Mr. Anstey makes his reader feel towards that "beautiful, self-willed, erring "woman his reader feel towards that," as he high-minded lover, Nugent Orne, felf-towards her, as if it as her high-minded lover, Nugent Orne, felf-towards her, even when she were impossible to hate her, or to meet the word of the papears to be most infamously most of activation of the conscious of something herost treachery, or to be floundering in stoop deliberately to the foot and activation of the conscious of goal walter, from an artistic point of view, is Alon Chadwick, the fundamental control to the control of the conscious of the control of th

LANDING SURVIVORS FROM THE WRECK, CAISTER, NEAR GREAT YARMOUTH

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On the wind-swept coast of Norfolk scenes like the subject of our illustration are of frequent occurrence. Open to the full force of easterly gales, and with a labyrinth of sandbanks extending far to seaward, every storm brings its tales of disaster, and adds its quota to the sad array of black dots on the Wreck Chart.

This particular sketch of the return of the lifeboat with the rescued was made at Caister, a small village two miles north of Great Yarmouth, whose company of beachmen, manning the lifeboat stationed there by the National Lifeboat Institution, have saved more lives than any other crew round our coasts. A rough life is theirs. Frequently roused out of their warm beds by the brazen clang of the alarm-bell at their shed, rushing down the village street through the black night, they launch their heavy surfboat through the breakers, shipping tons of water, haul off by the anchored warp, and, hoisting their storm-lugs, beat off through the white spoondrift across the intervening sands—a perfect hell-broth of splurging foam—making for the dimly-seen flare lighted by the half-drowned wretches on the wreck, in this case hard and fast on the North Cross Sand, some four miles out. Then they anchor, and slowly veer down to the wreck (now beginning to break up), and, watching their chance, drop alongside, and one by one get the exhausted, shivering wretches into the boat, not forgetting the mongrel ship-dog, of "Snarley-yow" type. Hauling back to their anchor, they weigh and make sail for the beach, where their comrades are anxiously waiting their return. Tenderly the drenched and shivering women are landed by these rough sea-dogs, then the men, and such personal property as may have been saved in the rush for the boat. The coastguard officer takes down the particu-

lars of the wrecked vessel, and up from the beach straggles a string of sea-soaked, shivering figures, some carried by the furly giants in glittering wet "oilies" and "sou'-westers," some able to walk with help. Arrived at the shed, such tendance is given as may be necessary in the way of warmth and stimulants, and the rescued are taken to the Sailors' Home, Great Yarmouth, and from thence forwarded to their homes.

NOVEMBER 23, 1889

NELSON'S LAST LETTER

ADMIRAL W. G. LUARD, C.B., made an interesting presentation to the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 (united in 1889) on the occasion of the "Trafalgar" dinner, held at the Hotel Metropole. on October 21st. Lord Nelson's last letter, written to Lady Hamilton just before the battle, has lately been given to the Victory by Admiral Sir George Willes, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, that it may be placed with the other relics in Nelson's cabin. A facsimile has, however, been made by Mr. E. Harris, F.S.A., and it is this which has been presented to the Club by Admiral Luard.

Victor, OUN. 19: 1805

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The letter has been enclosed in a handsome ark-shaped older shrine; is accompanied by Nelson's last prayer, printed in letters of gold, and a portrait of Lady Hamilton; and its adorned with suitable inscription. It is kept at the United Service Institutions with the Whitehall, and we are enabled by the courtesy of the Service Captain Burgess, R.N., to give the accompanying fusimits of the interesting letter.

ADMIRAL LORD NELSON'S PRAYER BEFORE THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

TRAFALGAR

"MAY the great God whom I worship grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory, and may no misconduct in any one tarnish it, and may he for my victory be the predominant feature in the British flet. For my lindividually, I commit my life to Him that made me, and may blessing alight on my endeavours for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the great cause which is entrusted as to defend. Amen, Amen, Amen!

NOTEMBER SUNSHINE IN THE NORTH

St. Martin's Summer is to most people in these islands a name, and nothing more. The fogs of November are real, but the warmth of November is not believed in. This autumn, however, the whrate "heat in November" is not a misnomer even in the British Islands. Since November 6th, the mean daily warmth in all parts, Islands. Islands. Since Provenior on, the mean daily warmth in all parts, but jaithularly in the North and East of Scotland, has been many but jatticularly in the North and East of Scotland, has been many degrees above the average of the season, while the brightness and warmth of the Sunny North has been worthy of May rather than November. The maximum shade temperature at Aberdeen on November, the was higher than the maximum recorded at Aberdeen warmth of the Sunny North has been worthy of that ytact than November. The maximum shade temperature at Aberdeen on November. The maximum shade temperature at Aberdeen on November. The maximum shade temperature at Aberdeen November. The maximum shade temperature at Aberdeen November 7th was higher than the might temperature of the preceding night was higher than lowest night temperature of five nights in June and as many nights in the night temperature of five nights in June and as many nights in the night temperature of the unseasonable warmth in Scotland July. (In November 8th the unseasonable warmth in Scotland July. (In November 8th the temperature in England increased; but declined a little, while the temperature in England increased; but on Saturday and Sunday Scotland again took the lead, and temperatures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within peratures were recorded in the North far beyond any noted within the same hour, and 14 deg. above the reading at down as it is near the north-eastern point of cold Caithness, had a down as it is near the north-eastern point of cold Caithness, had a down as it is near the north-eastern point of cold Caithness, had a down as it is a same hour, and 14 deg. above the reading at the same hour, and the orchards blossom, and even in some cases the early setting of fruit has taken place now rather some cases the early setting of fruit has taken place now rather some cases the early setting of fruit has taken place now rather some cases the early setting of fruit has taken place now rather some cases the early setting of fruit has taken place now rather some cases the early s Highlands in the last fortnight of September than in October and November up to date.

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Since 1881, we have not had an autumn in which there has been such high temperature in the early part of November as in the present year; and if the rest of the winter is to have a general resemilance to the winter of 1881, then it will be marked rather by west winds than by the bitter east, and by mild rains, instead of sleet and snow.

OYSTERS

Not so long ago valuable oyster-beds existed in the Firth of Forth, around Inchkeith, but in order to stock certain beds on the English coast there was a high price offered for consignments, with the result that should this part of the Forth be now dredged, the probability is that more spent cannon-balls would be brought to light than living oysters. Quantities of their shells abound, showing that they were once as pumerous as they are scarce at present. ngut than hving oysters. Quantities of their shells abound, showing that they were once as numerous as they are scarce at present. This is simply one instance of what has taken place in many other localities within, at least, the memory of the oldest inhabitant. What is to be deplored is that these oyster grounds, through apathy, are being wasted, while they might be easily, as well as profited by stocked afresh.

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With a lour boasted science in the nineteenth century, it seems not a little wonderful that we should lag behind the Romans in the matter of oyster culture. Pliny informs us that a certain Sergius Orata made a handsome income from rearing them on artificial beds. The French are a standing reproach to us in this respect. There is money in the luscious molluse, much money too, for it is estimated that our importations from America alone exceed 100,000/L per annum.

The life-history of the oyster is interesting in many ways, and particularly its happy knack of turning calamities into pearls of great price. The oyster does this in the most natural way in the great price. The oyster does this in the most natural way in the world. Whenever an enemy breaks through to steal, stabs it in the dark, or injures it in any fashion, the bivalve covers the injury over with the beautiful pearl which we so much admire, to be afterwards worn as a medal on its rough coat. The Chinese, by inserting small metal images between the shells of living oysters, employ them to coat these over with mother-of-pearl. Any foreign material introduced between the shells, if it cannot be rejected, is soon treated in this way, indeed, so quickly that a small fish has been known to form the nucleus of a pearl.

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In spring the oyster is found to contain a large quantity of a milk-white shild, which, under the microscope, is shown to be its almost invisible eggs. Although numbering about a million, they remain within the animal until hatched, and then the tiny oysters are sent abread in such numbers that they cloud the water like a mist. At this stage they are expert swimmers, and altogether different from the parent in habits and appearance. Imagine a restless speck of soft matter, with swimming appliances in the shape of a tuft of cala, and you have a tolerable notion of an oyster's appearance in early lite. After a while the swimmerets are discarded, or, rather,

soft matter, with swimming appliances in the shape of a tuft of a.h.t. and you have a tolerable notion of an oyster's appearance in early life. After a while the swimmerets are discarded, or, rather, at sorbed, and, instead of roving through the sea, the spat take up their permanent position on its bottom. At the age of two weeks they are no bigger than a pin-head, but grow to the size of a pea in three months, and reach their prime in about five years.

There must have been something so heroic in the composition of the first man to swallow an oyster that he deserves to rank with the discoverer of roast pig, as Charles Lamb relates that great human gain. Certainly he is more deserving of a monument than nine-tenths of those who are thus honoured. He has not only benefited his kind in the past—he benefits them in the present, and will go on doing so while an oyster remains. However, we are probably indeited to common experience rather than to any particular individual for the information that oysters are "out," and to be avoided, in those months from which the letter "R" happens to be excluded.

Those four sad months wherein is mute That one mysterious letter that has power To call the oyster from the vasty deep,

To call the oyster from the vasty deep, is how the poet puts it, and for once common sense chimes in along with him, declaring that the "vasty deep" is the proper place for cysters in May and June, because they spawn in these months, while the ordeal leaves them in such poor condition that they require. require June and July to recoup themselves. Indeed, although uncared-for specimens are offered for sale in August, nutritious natives cannot be had much sooner than October. From this time they continue to improve until about Christmas. "Natives," it may be necessary to state, are oysters grown on artificial beds, and not, as one might suppose, those of Nature's own rearing. There is skill required in their cultivation, the best feeding-ground being sometimes not at all suited for breeding purposes.

The young are specially subject to the attacks of foes, and it is

hopeless attempting to rear them in an exposed place where there are currents, as they will be carried to sea, or cast upon rock and sand, and so perish. Artificial beds of various kinds have been sand, and so perish. Artificial beds of various kinds have been tried—such as stones piled together, stakes driven into the ground and boards laid thereon; but nothing is found to answer so well as tiles covered with cement. This gives a suitable surface, with the advantage that the cement is unfavourable to the growth of seaweeds. At table, too, oyster requirements are no less important. The best dressing for them is their own juice, which is not seawater, as many suppose, but the blood of the animal. Strong wines and liquors should never be taken at the same time, as these render them indigestible, and spoil their best qualities.

Oysters are found nearly all over the world, some of other countries growing to be giants nearly a foot broad. They vary in quality as much as they do in size. British oysters are at least equal to any other; and the Romans, who were among the best of judges, gave

other; and the Romans, who were among the best of judges, gave the highest character to those of Rutupiceæ, or Richborough, on the coast of Kent. In fact, the one fault of the British oyster is its scarcity; while in some foreign places oysters are so numerous that a ship might be laden within a few lengths of itself. Massachusetts and Georgia can boast of walls fifteen feet high between the land and the sea entirally of overter origin the lower layers fossil but "all the sea entirely of oyster origin, the lower layers fossil, but "all alive" on the surface.

The adult oyster might be thought impervious to the assaults of marine enemies, shut up as it is within the massive walls of its fortress; yet, strangely enough, it often becomes the victim of such fortress; yet, strangely enough, it often becomes the victim of such a comparatively soft fellow as the star-fish. This far too brilliant orb of the sea, although it prefers spat which can be swallowed without difficulty, never hesitates about entering upon a life-and-death struggle with a full-grown oyster. Its method is ingenious, and its numbers so great, that when an army alights on an oysterbed the result is disastrous. With more imagination than science the villain and his method are thus described:—

The prickly star creeps on with fell deceit The prickly state the state of the winder detects:

When gaping lids a widened void display.

The watchful star thrusts in a pointed ray,
And of its treasure robs the rifled case—

An empty shell the sandy hillocks grace!

But the star-fish, being more practical than poetical, adopts quite another plan, knowing that if he acted according to the Muse he would soon be shorn of his rays by a powerful nip from the closing shells. What he does do is to embrace the oyster in his arms, and when he finds that his victim cannot be taken into his stomach, he proceeds to put his stomach into his victim! It is supposed that he

when he finds that his victim let at the thormous proceeds to put his stomach into his victim! It is supposed that he pours a stupefying fluid into the oyster at the same time, for without apparent resistance he accomplishes his object.

The whelk is another example of patient perseverance in an evil cause. With his flinty tongue, after infinite labour, he bores a hole through the oyster shell, and gives the occupant a warm and unlooked-for reception. Mussels also do mischief, unintentionally, but they are bad neighbours all the same. Their anchor ropes are thrown out in every direction, and these gather so much mud and sand that the oysters are smothered. Besides, they have to contend with storms, which either bury them, or pile them up in heaps, and, in winter, unless they are protected by a sufficiency of water, they experience frosts—killing frosts. Of a brood numbering a million, only a tithe survive for even a limited period. Old or young, a skilful fisherman can tell their age almost at a glance by the number of wrinkles on the shell. But the "wrinkle" most needed at present is how our depleted beds are to be restocked, and with the example of our neighbours across the Channel before us, we can only say they manage these things much better in France. There the oyster and the oyster trade flourish under competent management.

J. S.

THE NOTTINGHAM STYLE OF FISHING

When we were little boys we knew of a certain dilapidated plank bridge, spanning a tributary of the Trent, which offered exceptional facilities for an unusual and pleasing method of fishing. The stream at this point, after bisecting an osier-bed and slinking round a promontory-of flags, was perhaps four feet deep, and ran smoothly and slowly, as if gathering head for the rapids lower down. Now the planks forming the flooring of the bridge were separated from one another by wide crevices, and lying prone with our eyes at the fissures we could distinctly see every detail in the waters below. There was no dazzling reflection of the sky from the surface. The shadow of the bridge made a clear transparent twilight to which the eye quickly became accustomed. As we lay and looked we saw in the water the objects of our desire—great staring perch, with all their fins expanded, barred transversely on their backs like tigers of the river. The apparatus employed in their capture was very simple; no rod, no reel, no not, no float, nothing in short but a hook and line. This was baited and carefully let down between the planks, and then came the watching, the patience, the difficulty, and the excitement. The perch is said to be a voracious feeder, taking the bait without hesitation; if it be so, then these were not like other perch. Sometimes, it is true, they would bite at once, but as a rule their attitude was distrustful and critical. They would sail past the worm, appearing unconscious of its presence; or they would lie motionless for a long while, touching the bait with their noses and seeming to be lost in the study of it; sometimes they would even draw it into their mouths and puff it out again before the watcher above could strike. All this amidst the peculiar stillness of the open country, a stillness interpenetrated by faint noises (among which one's own breathing was the loudest) and emphasised occasionally by the splash of a water-vole.

At times these perch, scared perhaps at the mysterious disappearance of some o WHEN we were little boys we knew of a certain dilapidated plank

dangerous mouthful. Therefore bread, which ofters no impediment to the hook, was the bait of our choice, notwithstanding the necessity for renewing it every few minutes. Selecting a swim with a gravelly bottom not more than a foot deep, where the glancing dace were distinctly visible, we arranged our hook so that the bait would just reach the bottom, and threw in. Away went the bait, careering over the gravel, occasionally touching a protecting stone and hounding upwards, and immediately attracting jecting stone and bounding upwards, and immediately attracting the attention of the fish. The purpose of the float was to keep the line from dragging rather than to convey intelligence of a bite. Our tactics were to watch for the disappearance of the bread pill into a dace's mouth, and then strike instantly, but not too

violently. Now the so-called "Nottingham style" (like other modes of bottom-fishing) is in reality nothing more or less than a development of these very primitive methods. The chief difference is that the grown-up angler is deprived of the pleasure, so dear to boyish eyes,

of seeing his prey before he has caught it. The "Nottingham style," however, is an elastic phrase, used in different senses by different writers. Some apply it to all kinds of rough fishing as practised on the Trent, even to spinning with a reel for pike and perch; others use it only in reference to the pursuit of roach. Now that the distinctions between different styles are becoming oblite-rated, the more restricted sense of the term is growing in favour, probably because it is in roach-fishing that the Trent method is most characteristic. Its votary uses a quill float proportioned in size to the depth of the water, and weighted with shot so that only half an inch appears above the surface. With perhaps unnecessary warmth (for after all what difference does it make?) he rejects the hair tackle of the Lea in favour of fine or drawn gut. He prefers a short rod of deal and lancewood with stiff rings to the long implement of bamboo and Carolina cane fancied by frequenters implement of bamboo and Carolina cane fancied by frequenters of the Thames and Lea. He likes the lightest of lines and a smooth-running wooden reel. The weight of the float and shot, and the extreme facility with which his line runs out, enable him to do two very important things. He can "throw from the reel," allowing the line to unwind itself, and stopping the spool with his finger just as the float drops into the water; and he can throw with great precision to considerable distances. Some men by practice acquire such dexterity that they can cast, with hardly an effort, to a distance of twenty yards. These, as Mr. Cholmondeley-Pennell has insisted, are the distinguishing points of the "Nottingham style"—a style pre-eminently adapted to roach-fishing.

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But the secret of success in the roach-fisherman's art (whatever style may be adopted) is not to be found in length of rod, material of tackle, size of float, weight of line, or such things. It will always remain a fact that some men can catch you a large basket of fine roach out of water that other men might vainly fish for weeks. Besides having an intimate knowledge of the river, they are masters of a hundred skilful tricks which can only be learnt by experience. Some of their maxims, however, are such as can be written down in a book, and the chief among them is this—that the bait must always be made to travel in close proximity to the bottom.

It is necessary therefore to select likely places the day before, and take the opportunity of plumbing the depth at every part of the swim. When the time arrives for the actual fishing, the angler must be prepared to remain a long time in one place, with his eye fixed on the tiny projecting summit of his float, and from time to time he should throw into the water a plum-sized lump of ground bait. He must sit down, so as to hide himself behind the total refraction of the under-surface, and above all keep still. His line should be always as taut as possible, so that whenever the float is agitated the act of striking may be instantaneous. For the roach does not bite; he merely opens his mouth, which is thereupon filled by a stream of water, and the bait flows gently in with the stream. This action causes an almost imperceptible, but very characteristic, disturbance of the float, and the angler must strike as soon as he perceives it, because the roach (like the perch in our first paragraph) often puffs out the bait immediately after sucking it in. The ideal roach-swim is a tract of running water about six feet in depth, paved with clear because the roach (like the perch in our first paragraph) often puffs out the bait immediately after sucking it in. The ideal roach-swim is a tract of running water about six feet in depth, paved with clear sand or gravel, and having the bottom very slightly concave. If this open tract is surrounded with weeds, so much the better; for the roach feed more freely with cover near at hand. A slight concavity of the bottom is desirable for reasons based on the subtlest roach-craft. When the gravelly bed is hollowed out into a shallow basin the roach congregate at the edge of the basin furthest down the stream. Now the roach always face up-stream, and if the bait happens to be trailing on the bottom, the line, being somewhat in advance of the bait, may strike their noses, and so interfere with their access to the hook. Combining these facts in his mind, the accomplished fishermen checks his float just as it arrives at the lower edge of the basin. The float stops; but the bait is carried on for some little distance by the stream, rises slightly, and presents itself to the roach gathered on the acclivity without any interference on the part of the line. If this artful method of presenting the lure fails of its effect, there is nothing for it but to try some other kind of bait. And, indeed, without quite endorsing the views of those who would elevate roach-fishing to a fine art, we must admit that the roach is a wary fellow, not easily to be caught by each new-hatched, unfledged angler. hatched, unfledged angler.



MESSRS. METZLER AND Co.—It is always a pleasure to take up a song by Charles Gounod, and seldom are we disappointed therewith. "Noël" (Christmas Morn), poetry by Jules Barbier, ably translated into English by the late H. B. Farnie, music by Gounod, is well worthy of his reputation, and will no doubt take a leading place in our Christmas-tide music programmes; it is published in three keys.—A highly dramatic song which has already made a good impresssion is "Golden Light" (Agnus Dei), mélodie religieuse, English words by Mary Chater, music by Georges Bizet; when sung with the accompaniments of pianoforte, organ, or harmonium, and violin or violoncello, a fine effect may be produced by a good contralto voice.—"Kenilworth," a vocal gavotte, written and composed by Hubi Newcombe and Gerard F. Cobb, is quaint and very taking; it is published in F and in G.—Blossoming forth in gay birds and floral decorations comes "Metzler and Co.'s Album of Dance Music for Christmas, 1889." The contents are good samples of popular composers, including "Carmen Lancers," by Charles Godfrey; "Four-in-Hand Galop," by T. Browne; "Humpty-Dumpty Schottische," by Leonard Gautier; and "Marjorie Waltz," by F. Bucalossi.

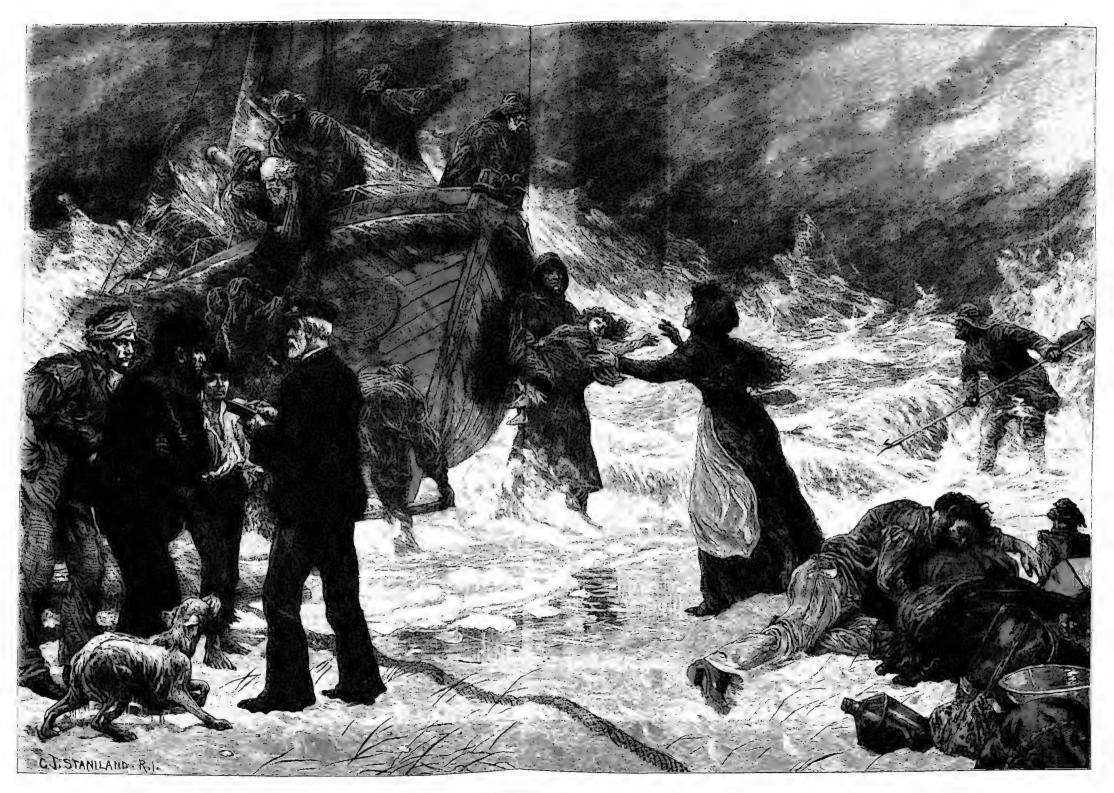
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THE LONDON MUSIC PUBLISHING COMPANY. — "Love Lyrics" is the collective title of a well-chosen series of poems, on the tender passion, by Byron, Hamilton Aidé, Edward Oxenford, and others less known to fame; they are all set to music by Wentworth Bennett, more or less successfully; fastidious must be the singer who cannot find something to suit him or her in this little volume.—Frequenters of the Spanish Exhibition will remember "The Iron Duke March," by Maggie M. King, which made a favourable impression when played by the band of the Grenadier Guards; it is well arranged for the pianoforte, and frontispieced with a very good portrait of the hero of Waterloo.—A graceful and brilliant piece for the pianoforte is "Il Ruscelletto," by Walter Spinney. Spinney.

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MESSRS. ROBERT COCKS AND CO.—At this season there is a great demand for new songs wherewith to while away the long winter evenings; the demand is quite equal to the supply, and, if at times there is a strong family likeness in songs, they pass muster and please for a time. A song which will not be soon put aside is "Sursum Corda" (Lift Your Hearts), written and composed by M. Piccolomini, published in two keys. The pathetic words will bring tears to many eyes.—The title of "We Met Too Late," words by Clifton Bingham, music by Lovett King denotes that it is of a bring tears to many eyes.—The title of "We Met Too Late," words by Clifton Bingham, music by Lovett King denotes that it is of a melancholy turn, and therefore will find favour with young peeple, who have all their troubles before them.—"The Windmill, one of Longfellow's sweet and homely poems, has been set to appropriate music by Hugh Temperley.—No. I. of "Twelve Two-Part Songs," for equal treble voices, words by "Rea," music by Alfred Redhead, is "Summer," a simple and tuneful composition.



LANDING SURVIVORS FROM A WRECK AT CAISTER, NEAR GREAT YARMOUTH

THE GRAPHIC



The revolution in Brazil has taken Europe completely by surprise. To all appearances Brazil was peaceful, contented, and devoted to her intellectual Sovereign; yet suddenly the Emperor is deposed and exiled, the Republic proclaimed, and this sweeping constitutional change is completed without any material disturbance or bloodshed. Discontent, however, seems to have been brewing for some time past. The Crown Princess was distinctly unpopular, thanks to her Ultra-Clerical leanings, and, in a minor degree, to the abolition of slavery, which she carried through against all opposition; while her husband, the Comte d'Eu, was disliked as a foreigner. Changes, therefore, were prophesied at her accession, but not during the life of the Emperor. Recently the popular disaffection was fostered by General da Fonseca, Commander of the Rio garrison, who became one of the most popular men in the country, after the fashion of General Boulanger. The Republicans having accepted the General as their head, on the night of Nov 14th troops were posted throughout Rio, and next morning General da Fonseca and the garrison announced to the people that the Empire had fallen, and the Republic of the United States of Brazil reigned in its stead. Three soldiers shot at, and slightly wounded, the Minister of Marine in the excitement; but no further trouble occurred. The Ministry quietly resigned, finding no support from either the army or the people; and General da Fonseca, with his chief assistant, M. Benjamin Constant, went straight to the Imperial Palace at Petropolis to inform the Emperor of his deposition. Dom Petro refused to abdicate, but decided to yield to force; and expressed his acquiescence in a brief proclamation, stating that he should always cherish hopes for the prosperity of Brazil. Twenty-four hours later the whole Imperial family were shipped off to exile on board the Alagoas, escorted by Brazilian ironclads out of sight of the coast. Every respect was paid to the Emperor, even extending to an affectionate farewell from the

hose intellectual powers and enlightened ideas inspire general respect.

In France the Ministerial programme for the coming Session was put before the Chamber on Tuesday, and received favourably, if without enthusiasm. As expected, the Government propose to touch neither of the two important problems, Revision and the separation of Church and State—"questions which irritate and divide men," as M. Tirard remarked—but will direct their attention to practical domestic reforms. Justice is to be made cheaper, taxation lightened, harbour and railway works will be promoted, and the commercial situation studied thoroughly in view of new commercial treaties. The elections, said the Premier, proved that France clung to the Republic, and desired harmony and peace; the Deputies should therefore aid her pacific intentions, which had been so splendidly displayed in the Exhibition. In returning thanks for his election as President of the Chamber, M. Floquet struck the same note in favour of peace and praise of the Exhibition, strongly exhorting the House to be impartial and united. Moderation being the order of the day, the Deputies accordingly received very quietly a proposal for Revision brought forward by the Radical M. Maujan, which was refused "urgency" by a large majority. The verification of the elections is still proceeding uneventfully, for those likely to be warmly contested—M. Joffrin's election, for instance—are left to the last. The hopes of the Moderates increase, as several prominent Conservatives have come over to their ranks; but, on the other hand, many Reactionaries are forming an independent group. Paris cannot reconcile herself to losing the excitement of the Exhibition, and has welcomed a reminiscence of its glories in a lively revue at the Nouveautés—Paris-Attraction, by MM. Burani, Clerc, and Lemonnier. A new Eastern Museum—the Musée Guimet—was opened by the President on Wednesday, the State providing the building and an Art amateur the interesting collection; while another artistic item is the unveili

a statue at Genotic—Jouvin, who founded the prosperty of the glove-trade.

In Germany, the Emperor is at home again, but public opinion still speculates on the result of his movements. There is a general belief that Prince Bismarck and Count Kalnoky decided that Austria must turn the cold shoulder to Bulgaria, to allow Russia increased influence in that quarter, and that the German and Austrian Emperors met at Innsbruck to endorse their Premiers' decision. This view, however, is supported by neither country, for the semi-official Berlin Post even flatly contradicts the report that Austria's hands should be tied in Bulgaria, where she possesses a natural interest, while the Austrian Pester Lloyd repeats the contradiction. Austrians and Germans continue most cordial, and Prince Henry, when visiting Pola with the German Squadron, spoke warmly of rejoicing "over our alliance with you." Emperor William goes to Darmstadt on December 6th, thus healing a long-existing coolness with the Hessian Court. In the Reichstag, the Budget Committee have accepted the Military Bill which provides for two new army corps, but the proposed subsidy for German colonial steamer lines was not so fortunate, being referred by the House back to Committee. Owing to the late disasters in Africa, the Germans are not very keen on colonial affairs.

In Belgium the Anti-Slavery Conference has assembled at Brussels, under the Presidency of Baron Lambermont, Secretary-General of the Belgian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Sixteen Powers are represented by twenty-one plenipotentiaries—chiefly their Ministers to the Belgian Court—and numerous delegates, who will work with the plenipotentiaries in committee, the latter alone their Ministers to the Belgian Court—and numerous delegates, who will work with the plenipotentiaries in committee, the latter alone being present at the full sittings of the Conference. Delegations from various national anti-slavery societies will also be heard. The three Belgian officials representing the Congo Free State have prepared long reports on the measures against slavery in that region, while other main points for discussion are the creation of an international tribunal, the right of search by men-of-war of every merchantman leaving African ports, and the regulation of the traffic in spirits and firearms. The members of the Conference have been cordially entertained by the King at the Palace.

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In Eastern Europe affairs are much quieter. Roumania has changed her Ministry with very little excitement, General Mano having succeeded M. Catargi as Premier. The new Cabinet will follow M. Bratiano's foreign policy, and will oppose Russian influence.—In Servia, Queen Natalie remains mistress of the field, King Milan having retired to Paris, although he denies having sanctioned increased intercourse between the young King and his mother. He states that they can only meet with his permission, and he prophesies that the Queen's obstinacy may cost her son his Crown.—Crete expects another Governor, as Chakir Pasha will probably be superseded by a man of sterner temperament. Greece for the present sees the wisdom of non-interference, the Cretan debate in the Chamber having ended in a vote of confidence for M. Tricoupis, who, in return, cheered the Deputies by the promise of a handsome Budget surplus. The same happy financial prospect rejoices EGYPT, where the Budget shows a surplus of 150,000. after remitting taxation to the amount of 100,000. This remission will greatly benefit the poorer classes by abolishing the tradesmen's tax, with other vexatious dues. Penny postage is introduced, and the Education Budget considerably increased. In Turkey, Moussa Bey is imprisoned at last, and his trial fixed for to-day (Saturday). Prince Albert Victor is most warmly received in India, his visit

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The question of Federation for Australia is now treated in a long reply from the Premier of Victoria to Sir Henry Parkes' proposal of a Conference to discuss the matter. Loyal to the Federal Council, which New South Wales so stoutly refuses to join, Mr. Gillies recommends that, instead of the suggested Conference, the members of the Council should meet the New South Wales representatives to consider the scheme of Federal Government. Mr. Morehead, the Queensland Colonial Secretary, supports his views, believing that it would be preferable to develop the Council into a Dominion Parliament rather than dissolve the body.

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MISCELLANEOUS.——In ITALY the British Envoy to the Pope, Sir J. L. Simmons, would be received by His Holiness on Thursday. The Vatican hopes that the negotiations may result in re-establishing diplomatic relations with England. Italy has formally notified the Powers of her new Protectorate on the African coast.—The Maritime Conference in the UNITED STATES has finished discussing the amendments to the rules of the road at sea. In the Cronin trial the prosecution have concluded their evidence, and the defence are trying to produce alibis. The Americans are very proud of sending their squadron of four new warships to Europe.



THE QUEEN has returned to Windsor. Her Majesty's last days in the Highlands were occupied by revisiting her favourite spots, and bidding good-bye to her neighbours, while the Royal party also enjoyed a farewell picnic at the Glassalt Shiel. The Rev. Dr. Story arrived on Saturday night, and dined with the Queen, while on Sunday he officiated at Divine Service before the Royal party, and joined Her Majesty at dinner. The Queen and Princess Beatrice left Balmoral on Wednesday, slightly altering their usual homeward route from Ballater, in order to pass over the Tay Bridge, and obtain a glimpse of the Forth Bridge. They reached Windsor to breakfast on Thursday morning, and will remain at the Castle till just before Christmas, which is to be spent at Osborne.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have also returned to England They stayed three days in Paris on their way home, and immediately after their arrival the Prince and Prince George called on President Carnot and Lord and Lady Lytton. M. Carnot returned their visit, and in the evening the Prince and Princess with their daughters and Prince George went to see M. Daudet's Lutte pour la Vie at the Gymnase. On Saturday the Princess and daughters drove in the Bois de Boulogne, while the Princes visited M. d'Epinay's studio, and M. and Madame Carnot called during their absence. In the evening the Royal party went to the Variétés. After attending church on Sunday morning, the Prince and Princess and family lunched at the British Embassy, and left in the evening for England, travelling viá Calais and Dover. They arrived in town early on Monday morning, when the Duke and Duchess of Fife came to lunch, and the Prince George went to the Lyceum. Yesterday (Friday) the Royal party would leave town for Scn lringham. The Prince's health is much improved by his foreign trip. When the Prince and Princess visit Lord and Lady Wimborne at Canford Manor, Dorset, in January, they will go to Poole on the 16th to open the People's Park and Recreation Ground, and subsequently to Bournemo

The Empress will spend Christmas at Naples, and later go to Florence.—The Queen of Portugal has another son—her second child—who has been named Manuel.



"THE BELLES OF THE VILLAGE."—A children's ballad opera bearing this title, acted by children, and intended for the amusement of the young folks, was produced at the Avenue Theatre on Monday afternoon. Mr. Foster's story is simple and rustic, such a one indeed as will be sure to delight the rising generation, while the music—partly arranged from various old English melodies, and partly composed by Mr. John Fitzgerald—is excellently adapted for its purpose. The children have been trained by Mrs. John Fitzgerald, and among the most successful pieces of the afternoon were a comic trio in praise of tobacco, sung by three little people "made up" as old men, a dance and chorus of farm-hands, two lengthy ballets, a chorus of gipsies, a hornpipe danced by a child sailor, and a comical song by a village beadle. The child-players were on Monday necessarily very nervous. But that the entertainment was to the taste of the juveniles among the audience there could not be much doubt.

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PROFESSOR STANFORD'S SONATA.—The new sonata in D minor by Dr. Villiers Stanford, written during a brief visit paid by the Cambridge Professor to Signor Piatti in Italy last autumn, was performed for the first time at the Popular Concert on Monday. It would perhaps have been better had the composer not attempted to play the pianoforte part himself. But at any rate the sonata shows as to its first and last movements a remarkable degree of technical ability, and the only section upon which a difference of opinion is at all likely is the slow movement. Yet, despite its daring freedom of form, we are inclined to consider this portion the most interesting of the work. In it the slow movement is twice broken by a sort of scherzo, once played allegretto, and afterwards in quicker time and in another rhythm, the double contrast being most effective. The violoncello part was played by Signor Piatti, who, with the composer, was called to the platform to bow to applause at the end of the performance.

London Symphony Concerts was commenced last week. The programme comprised Brahms' first symphony, the Egmont overture, Bach's suite in D, and a Haydn symphony, all, of course, thoroughly familiar works, and played in unexceptional fashion by the orchestra which Mr. Henschel has collected. These concerts, given at a very moderate price of admission, should attract larger audiences than that which assembled at the first performance of the season.

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MADAME PATTI. — Madame Patti made on Monday night, at the Albert Hall, her last appearance prior to her departure for America. She was announced to sing three songs, to wit, the trio with two flutes from L'Étoile du Nord, the waltz from Romeo and Juliet, and, with Mr. Lloyd, the "Madrigal" duet from the same opera. She likewise sang for encores "Comin' Thro' the Rye," "Twas within a Mile," and "Home, Sweet Home," and also fairly delighted her audience by coming on to the platform during the usual interval and unexpectedly singing "Home, Sweet Home," of which she gave a most touching rendering. Madame Patti was assisted by Miss Gomez, Madame Sterling, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Heinrich, Miss Kuhé, and other artists; but Mr. Ganz, owing to the death of his daughter, was unable to appear, and was replaced as conductor by Mr. Randegger. Madame Patti will sail for the United States on the 26th inst. On her return, after two concerts for Mr. Kuhé, she will place the direction of her affairs in the hands of Messrs. Harrison, of Birmingham, by whom, we understand, she is henceforward to be paid at the extraordinary rate of 800. per concert in London, and 500. for a concert in the provinces. This is certainly the largest sum ever offered for a term of three years to any vocalist in this country.

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CONCERTS (VARIOUS).—The Ballad Concerts commenced on Wednesday, when Mr. Boosey, in accordance with his custom at the first concert of the season, put forward a programme in which novelties were largely intermingled with some of the most popular ballads of his already extensive repertory. The artists engaged were Mesdames Mary Davies, Sterling, and Cole, Miss Gomez, Messrs. Lloyd, Piercy, Oswald, and Plunket Greene. Lady Hallé was the violinist, and Mr. Eaton Faning's Select Choir assisted. Among the novelties announced were "Bantry Bay," by Mr. Molloy, "The Workaday World," by Mr. Stephen Adams,

"Stay, Darling, Stay," by Mr. Marzials, and "Love and Friendship," by Miss Hope Temple.—The Musical Artists' Society produced at their first concert on Saturday new chamber works by Messrs. Wesché and Haden and Miss Macirone.—The first of an interesting series of vocal recitals was given at Steinway Hall last Saturday by Madame Campbell-Perugini and Miss Mary Hutton.

Notes and News.—Mr. Augustus Harris has secured the sole rights of performance, at either operas or concerts, in all Wagner's operas, with the exception of Parsifal.—It is expected that Mr. Cowen's new opera will be produced by the Carl Rosa Opera Company during the season which commences at Drury Lane on April 7th next.—The death is announced, at the age of forty-two, of Madame Maria Bevignani, wife of the well-known conductor, and niece of the late Mille. Titiens.—For the Norwich Festival, which commences on October 14th next, Mesdames Nordica, MacIntyre, Lehmann, and Marian Mackenzie, Messrs. Lloyd and Marsh, are engaged as chief artists. Mr. Hamish M'Cunn's cantata will be upon the subject of James Hogg's "Queen Hynde."
—The Joint Committee of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music issued the syllabus for their provincial examinations on Monday. We printed brief details several weeks ago.—Dr. Niecks' biography of Chopin has secured the honour of a translation into German. The adaptation is from the pen of the celebrated Dr. Langhans, and the German version has just been issued at Leipsic. NOTES AND NEWS .--- Mr. Augustus Harris has secured the sole



THERE has been an unusual dearth of new plays of late, a circumstance which must be attributed to the exceptional prosperity of theatrical enterprise. Why think of a new bill, when the old bill is filling the house? Never probably have the cheering notices "Stalls full," "Pit full," been more often seen in November at our most popular theatres than they have this year. Important novelties, however, are in active preparation. Mr. Pinero's Profigate at the GARRICK has at last run its course, having scored, we believe, one hundred and twenty-six nights, besides a few matinées. Though not an exceptionally brilliant success, judged by the standard of these days of long runs, this may fairly be held to betoken that the playgoing public have no rooted antipathy to a play with a moral in it. In a few days La Tosca, with Mrs. Bernard-Beere in the part of the heroine, will take its place. The COMENT Theatre re-opens to-night (Saturday) with a revival of the celebrated Pink Dominos; while the LYRIC on the same evening reopens its doors with Messrs. Stephens and Solomon's new comedy-opera The Red Hussar. Meanwhile the ROYALTY—of which we shall have occasion to speak again—has reopened with the new musical burlesque of The Corsican Brothers, by Mr. Cecil Raleigh and Mr. Walter Slaughter, in which Mr. Arthur Roberts is the leading spirit; while, before the end of next week, both the VAUDEVILLE and the NOVELTY—both closed for some time past—will once more open their doors. Mr. Thomas Thorne, however, postpones for awhile the production of Mr. Buchanan's version of Richardson's Clarissa Harlowe, and contents himself with resuming the performances of Joseph's Sweetheart. The new management of the Novelty will be interesting at least for an attempt to bring down the prices of admission to about one half the rates customary at West End houses. The adventurous innovator is a Mr. George Turner, who will begin his reign on Saturday, the 30th inst, with a play entitled, The Spy: a Story of the American Rebellion. To these houses abou

Miss Loie Fuller is recovering from her serious indisposition, but will not reappear at the GLOBE, where Mr. Benson is about to commence his reign.

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The death of Mr. E. D. Ward while on a professional tour creates all the deeper impression from its following so soon upon the death, under similar circumstances, of Mr. George Stone. Both were young actors of decided talent, and something more than brilliant promise. Mr. Ward is well remembered as playing in comedies and burlesques at TOOLE'S Theatre. He had since taken very successfully to comic opera. Mr. Ward married a few years ago that pleasing young actress Miss Effe Liston.

London, if we may trust a note that we have received from New York, will shortly have an opportunity of seeing a new play which has created a sensation in America. It is called The Old Homestead, and treats in the main of rural life in New England.

There will, it appears, be a Shakespearian procession in both of the two most important pantomimes at Christmas. Like the critic Dennis, when he fancied he recognised his thunder, Mr. Augustus Hanis at Drury Lane, spying plagiarism, has remonstrated with his brother, Mr. Charles Harris, at Her Majesty's. Both these gentlemen, however, are under the impression that their projects have been copied. The public, meanwhile, look on unmoved. Perhaps they think that two Shakespearian processions, like two heads, are better than one.

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Edwardes, and the performance will take place at the GAIETY on the afternoon of Tuesday next.

Mr. Pinero has been unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Footlights Dramatic Club, of which Mr. Oscar Browning is the President.



The Turf.—There is but little racing news of importance, and to-day (Saturday) the season winds up with the November Handicap at Manchester, for which, at the time of writing, Lady Rosebery was favourite at 7 to 1, with Mercy and Amphion next in demand.—The new Rules of the Grand National Hunt, which are to come into force at the beginning of the New Year, were published last week.—Kirkham and Narellan, the Hon. J. White's Australian candidates, have been backed (coupled) for the Derby, at the rate of 20 to 1.—Old Coin won a couple of races at Northampton last week, Retten Row took the St. Crispin Nursery Handicap, and Miss Dollar the Naseby Handicap Plate. The Rothschild Plate, though there were only three runners, produced two very exciting struggles. At the first time of asking Lord Penrhyn's Far Niente and Mr. J. Hammond's Enamel made a dead heat of it. His lord-ship would not divide, and was rewarded for his pluck, for in the deciding heat Far Niente won very cleverly by a neck.—At Warwick, on Monday, the Town Plate fell to Harpagon, and the Stratford Welter Plate to Orthodox. Next day Freemason won the Midland Counties' Handicap Plate, and Mounteagle the Grendon Nursery Handicap Plate; while on Wednesday the Welter Handicap Plate fell to Padua, and the Mile Maiden Plate to Juggler.

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MISCELLANEOUS.—"Samson" finished his engagement at the Aquarium last week, and was last (Friday) night to start a fresh one at the Albert Palace. Meanwhile, on Monday last he was among the spectators who witnessed Sandow's first performance at the Alhambra. The Pomeranian Hercules and his trainer, "Attila," did wonders (if the weights given are accurate) in the way of manipulating heavy dumb-bells, but it must be confessed that the performance was somewhat monotonous.—At the Altcar Coursing Meeting last week, Sir R. Jardine was in luck's way. He took the Croxteth Stakes with Gladiola, and the Club Cup with that sterling performer, Glenogle.—Magdalen beat Brasenose in the final heat of the Coxswainless Fours at Oxford. The Trial Eights are in the full swing. Oxford has two; Cambridge finds herself unable to do with less than three, so great is the wealth of Light Blue rowing talent.

ANOTHER RASH ATTEMPT to swim Niagara Rapids is to be made by a British athlete, who has just started from England.

A SPLENDID NEW ORGAN of colossal size is to be placed in St. Peter's at Rome. The Pope has commissioned M. Gounod to write a fresh "Messe Solennelle" for the inauguration of the organ, when the music will be sung by a choir of 4,000 voices.

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Camille Douls, the French traveller, has lately been exploring in the Sahara, disguised as a Mohammedan. He was well versed in the religious ceremonies and the language, but the secret seems to have leaked out, and he was strangled in the desert by his two Tuareg guides, just as he was sitting down by a well to rest.

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VERDI'S JUBILEE as an operatic composer was enthusiastically celebrated throughout Italy on Sunday. Fifty years before, his first opera was produced at the Milan Scala, Oberto di San Bonifazio. Concerts and representations of Verdi's works were held in the chief Italian theatres, but the composer himself refused to be present at any of the commemorations, and stayed quietly at his villa, San Agata, at Busseto, where he received innumerable letters, telegrams, and floral offerings.



An Underground Railway in Edinburgh is now proposed he line would run between Edinburgh and Leith. The line

M. ÉMILE ZOLA begins to weary of novel-writing, and wishes to devote himself to dramatic composition. Accordingly he will wind up his elaborate family history of the Rougon-Macquart race with three concluding volumes—"Money," "War," and a final work, whose title is not yet chosen.

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The Earliest Traces of Manonthe American Continent have just been discovered in a railway cutting at Trenton, New Jersey. Buried under twelve feet of pre-giacial gravel, the excavators came upon some curious specimens, which experts pronounce to be palæoliths of argillite, characteristic of the earliest human efforts to form sharp edges in stone.

A BALLOON TRIP ACROSS THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR will shortly be attempted by General Brine. Accompanied by two members of the Balloon Society, the General has started for Gibraltar, taking with him two balloons of 30,000 and 40,000 cubic feet capacity. He will make several ascents to determine the air-currents existing at high altitudes between Europe and Africa.

There are a Good Many of the "Noble Six Hundred" still surviving. One of them was found in America a few months ago, and it seems that another is now living in South Africa. Mr. E. Kelly joined the 17th Lancers on Coronation Day, 1838, and served with it for more than seventeen years as a trumpeter. He was present at the battles of the Alma, Inkerman, and Balaclava, and was wounded during the charge into the "jaws of death." He is now Postmaster of Lady Frere, Cape Colony.

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The New Brazilian Republic has already chosen a fresh flag to replace the Imperial Standard with its crown and coffee-leaf. The Republican flag is modelled on the national ensign of the United States, and displays green and gold stripes on a blue field emblazoned with nineteen stars. Other Republican emblems have been preparing in Paris for some time past, as large parcels of small flags surmounted by the Phryg an bonnet have been sent to Brazil. One of these new flags was hoisted in Paris on Sunday over the house of a Brazilian resident.

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SPRING FLOWERS will be unusually plentiful in London at Christmas, owing to the mild season. The Scilly Isles usually contribute some of the first spring blooms, and as no gales have visited the islands this autumn their crop will be two months earlier than usual, providing the London market with narcissus and similar blossoms in time for Christmas decorations. In Kent, near Sittingbourne, violets are blossoming in the open air, cherry-trees budding, and a field of poppies is in full bloom. The warm weather deceives the birds as well as the flowers, for a newly-built yellow-hammer's nest, containing three eggs, has been found in a Northampton garden. Bats have also been seen at Norwood waking up from their winter hybernation, and glowworms are about.

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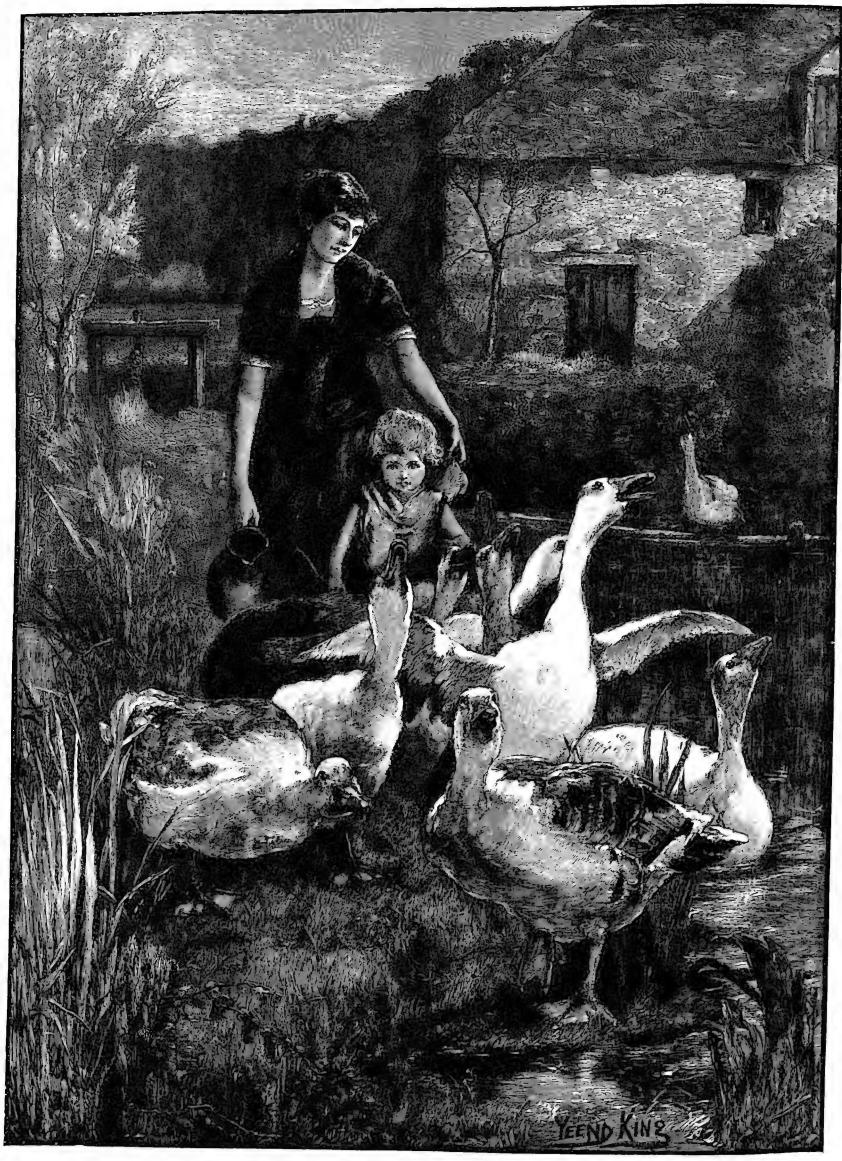
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The Marriageable Princes and Princesses of Europe are still numerous, notwithstanding the frequent Royal weddings of late. To take only the heirs to thrones or to Grand Duchies, there are seventeen Princes available. Two belong to the Orthodox faith—the Czarevitch and the Crown Prince of Montanegro; ten are Roman Catholics, including the direct heirs to the Crowns of Italy and Roumania, the presumptive heirs to the thrones of Austria, Belgium, Bayaria, and Saxony, and Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria; and five are Protestants, such as our own Prince Albert Victor, Prince Christian of Denmark, and the Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse. These last can choose from about fourteen Protestant Princesses, the Roman Catholics have a choice of some twenty young ladies of their own religion, while only two Princesses of the Greek Church are forthcoming—the daughters of the Prince of Montenegro.

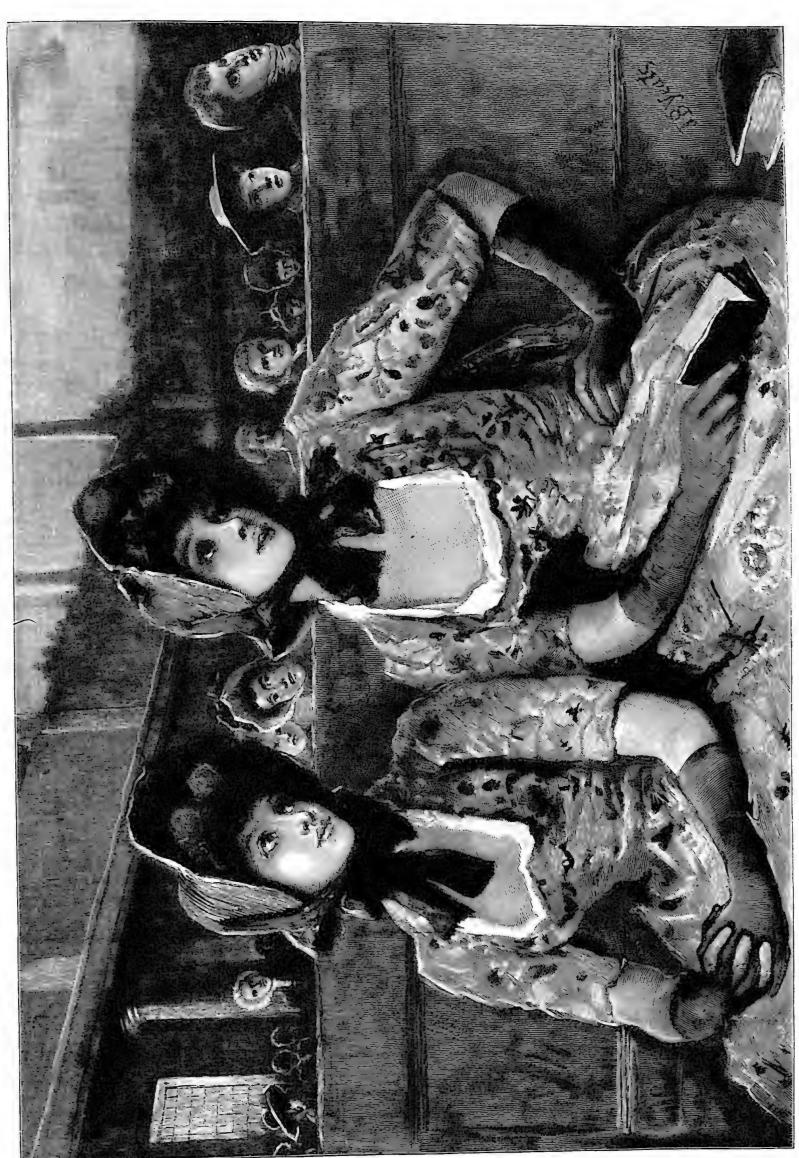
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London Mortality continues to increase. The deaths last week numbered 1,451, against 1,350 during the previous seven days, being a rise of 101, but 238 below the average, while the death-rate advanced to 17'4 per 1,000. Scarlet-fever shows little signs of diminution, for the London hospitals on Saturday contained 1,597 patients, although the fatalities were only 24 (an increase of 1), and 30 below the average. Diphtheria is also high, for the fatal cases advanced to 38 (a rise of 15) and exceeded the usual return by 14. There were 37 deaths from whooping-cough (an increase of 13) 33 from measles (an advance of 13), 20 from enteric-fever (a rise of 9), 16 from diarrhoea and dysentery (a decline of 1), and 1 from typhus. Fatal cases of diseases of the respiratory organs increased to 321 (a rise of 3), but were 107 below the average, while different forms of violence caused 65 deaths. There were 2,522 births registered, a decrease of 137, and 289 under the usual return.



"OBSTRUCTIONISTS"
FROM THE PICTURE BY YEEND KING, EXHIBITED IN "THE GRAPHIC" GALLERY OF ANIMAL PAINTINGS



LISTENING TO A SERMON IN THE OLDEN TIME

THE GRAPHIC

BIRDS' FOOD-SUPPLY IN WINTER

INSECTS, and many other kinds of animals, lay up winter stores of food; but no species of bird does so. The burden of care for the future is not laid upon them. Their power of flight enabling them to migrate when food becomes scarce, seems, at first sight, to preclude all fear of their suffering from want; yet their very migration shows more clearly the wonderful balance of nature. Birds' powers of flight are limited, yet the total available supply of food never seems to fail. Suppose England were frost-bound when the great flocks of redwings and fieldfares from Norway reached it; or Holland covered with snow when the countless flocks of chaffinches arrive, the destruction of bird-life would be frightful, for the tired and hungry birds would not have strength to go further. Yet these disasters never seem to occur. A few weakly stragglers from the great flocks perish of cold and hunger, but the rest are fed. Let us glance at some of the ways in which their food is provided; and, to avoid taking too wide a survey, confine ourselves to our well-known soft-billed birds—blackbirds, thrushes, and their relatives. Starlings, too, though not of the same family, resemble them sufficiently in habits to come under our review.

All through the spring and summer food for them and their young is abundant. Larvæ of all kinds, worms, and snails are eagerly sought for and carried to their nests. As soon as the meadows are mown, the young thrushes and starlings move to them and revel in the numberless insects to be found there. Then come the feasts in the cherry-orchards and currant-gardens, when blackbird, thrush, and starling arrive to claim their share of the fruit which is, indeed, largely due to the care birds take to keep our gardens free from insects.

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But the gardener rarely allows their claim. Guns and nets protect the cultivated fruit, no man, however, refuses them the wild. And were it not for the bountiful provision of the English woods it would be hard for the whole thrush tribe to live throughout the winter. As September closes, and the early frosts diminish the supply of insect-life, the influx of birds from the North begins. During October, thousands of redwings and fieldfares cross to our shores from Norway and Sweden. Quantities of blackbirds, misselthrushes, and song-thrushes move southwards from the more northern parts of our islands. All these visitors must be fed as well as those birds that have remained with us during the summer. So long as the weather continues mild and open there is plenty for all. The plough is at work, and acres of fresh-turned earth disclose quantities of worms and larvæ of insects. Flocks of fieldfares may be seen diligently hunting the arable land, hopping from clod to clod and occasionally uttering their curious chatter. But when snow has covered the land, or a black frost sealed it against even the rooks' strong bills, all the Merulidæ would suffer but for the supply of food that the berries of the trees and bushes give. Among the first to ripen are the berries of the elder and mountainash. Many birds delight in the scarlet clusters of the rowan-tree, and almost as soon as they are ripe the trees are crowded with visitors. Indeed, in the south of England, where it is not a very common tree, hardly a berry is left by the time the foreign birds arrive. Farther north, there are far more than our native birds can consume, and plenty are left for the redwings and fieldfares. The latter grow quite fat on them, and are then such excellent eating that many are killed for the table. In Holland and Belgium these berries are gathered and carefully stored, to be used thro

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Starlings seem fonder of elderberries than any other of our birds. In some country districts, where elderberry wine is still largely made, there is a race between the birds and the housekeeper which shall have the larger share of the black juicy fruit; but generally the starlings may come in flocks to the bushes and sing and chatter in their merry way while eating without being molested. No bird seems to have so keen an appreciation of the pleasures of life as the starling. Though a very sociable bird, he is of opinion that home life must not be shared with any but his mate and children. As soon, however, as the latter are strong on the wing he seeks society, and such a thing as a solitary starling is rarely seen between July and March. From the first warm days of spring, when the cock birds select the topmost bough of a poplar, and all uter their odd merry song at once, to the short dark afternoons of December, when the flocks find time to congregate for a few minutes in some tree, before departing to roost in the reed beds, and there whistle, chatter, and gurgle like some distant and musical steam-engine, the sturling shows us he is happy.

The berries of the yew are the favourites with the missel-thrush; the strongest and most pupnacious of all the Merulidæ. When a pair of these birds has taken possession of a yew tree they do not allow blackbird or thrush to set foot on it. They also feed largely on ivy berries. Though they derive their name from the missletoe, those white sticky berries are not common enough in England to form any large portion of their winter food. The haw, the berry of white thorn or may, seems most prized in those countries where it is arrest. In the East of England hedges may be seen still red with berries long after snow has covered the ground. On the chalk hills of the South the scattered thorn bushes are constantly wisted by birds so long a Starlings seem fonder of elderberries than any other of our birds.

claim a snare. Then there is frequently a battle, for the blackbird is not peaceful.

The most amusing birds to feed are tits. They are very hardy, and do not require help so much as blackbirds and thrushes; but if anything they like is regularly placed near the trees they hunt for grubs, they soon find it out. Suet is a favourite dainty. If a

piece of this is hung in a net they will come in numbers. Very pretty do they look clinging to the net and pecking at the suet as they swing to and fro. Only those who have fed birds throughout the year know how wonderfully tame they will become.

The writer knew two ladies who had each a number of pensioners that came both summer and winter for their daily food. Tits, and all the commoner birds, nuthatches, and occasionally a kingfisher and red-backed shrikes might be seen there. Food of many kinds was placed on a shelf by the window twice a day, and instantly birds of all kinds flew down to share it.

Perhaps some of the readers of this article will, when snow falls, think of our thrushes, the sweetest of the songsters that live all the year with us, and spare a few apples and vegetables for them and the blackbirds. It is a charity in which there is no fear of pauperising or of disturbing the mysterious balance of nature.

The country people still foretell a severe or mild winter by the abundance or scarcity of berries in autumn. They say that a hard winter never comes if food for the birds is scarce. The man who "lives by the land," to use his own phrase, is so accustomed to see God's hand all around him that it does not appear strange to him that special provision should be made for the fowls of the air.

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THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA

Was founded in the year 1875 at Kingston, Ontario, one of the oldest and healthiest cities in Canada, with some 17,000 inhabitants, situated on the Cataraqui River, at the head of Lake Ontario, connected with Ottawa by the Rideau Canal, and having in every respect excellent railway and water communication. The College was opened in June, 1876, with a class of eighteen cadets and a staff consisting of a Commandant, a Captain of Cadets, and three Professors. Professors

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The only available building at first was the old Naval Barrack at Point Frederick, now used as a dormitory. The present college building was completed in the summer of 1878; new batches of cadets were at first admitted every six months, and by June, 1878, when those who originally joined completed their course, the number had increased to about ninety. The Staff had in the meanwhile been gradually added to, and is now complete with a Commandant (Major-General D. R. Cameron, R.A., C.M.G.), ten Professors, three Instructors, Staff-Adjutant, Medical Officer, and Paymaster, &c. Paymaster, &c.

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The total number of cadets approved for admission to the present date is about 250. Of these 235 actually joined. The number who have graduated is 135.

The number of cadets who have, so far, been gazetted to commissions in the Imperial Army, between the Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and Infantry services, is sixty-nine.

In addition to these ex-cadets have been appointed to Commissions in the Mounted Police of Canada, the Schools of Artillery, Schools of Infantry, and to the Staff of the Royal Military College.

Of the cadets who have not obtained military employment, the greater portion have become civil engineers, and the services of these gentlemen have been much sought after, and very highly valued, not only in Canada, but in the United States also.

Two of the graduates are employed on the Hydrographical Survey of the Canadian Lakes, three on the Geological Survey, and about seven in other Government Departments.

About thirty cadets took part in the suppression of the Rebellion in the North-West Territories of Canada in 1885.

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The age of admission is over fifteen and under eighteen years on the 1st of January preceding the entrance examination, which takes place annually in the month of June.

The College course, being a four years' one, allows ample time not only for a thorough military training, but also for the study of Civil Engineering, Civil Surveying, Physics, Practical Chemistry, and other subjects which are naturally of great use to cadets in civil life, the course comprising Military Drills, both Infantry, Artillery, and Engineer; Signalling, Fencing, Riding, Tactics, Strategy, Military Administration and Law, Fortification and Military Engineering, Mathematics and Mechanism, Astronomy, Geology and Mineralogy, Chemistry and Electricity, &c.

The College possesses a small observatory, and a most valuable assortment of surveying instruments, a most complete chemical laboratory, physical apparatus of almost every description, and a good selection of drawing and other models.

All this has been gradually built up, and, needless to say, at great expense to the Dominion. But the growth of the college in public estimation warrants the expenditure, and it is an institution of which Canada may well feel proud; in fact, its success has been so noted that it seems likely a similar college will shortly be started in Australia.

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Would space admit, much more might be said in justice to the Royal Military College of Canada, tending, as it does, to 'develop a true and loyal spirit towards the Mother Country among her distant North American subjects.—The foregoing description is written by Mr. Arthur W. Reynolds, Assistant-Secretary to the High Commissioner for Canada. Our engravings are from photographs by Mr. A. E. Pauet, Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada.

THE RAVEN

THE trials made from time to time in Germany with ravens as "carriers" give new interest to a family of birds which, sad to say, haunt their old British breeding-places in ever-diminishing numbers. As we are reminded by a recent incident, English pigeon-fanciers have too often to regret the loss of a valuable homing bird by the attack of some of the hawk tribe; and when we remember what a dainty morsel a well-fed pigeon is, it is not surprising that it should be thus subject to pursuit upon its long and lonely flights. The number of our falconidæ is not, however, to be compared with that of the more powerful birds of prey which make pigeon-flying especially risky on the Continent; and the attempts made to train the raven to postal duties abroad are watched, therefore, with considerable interest. The raven must be so much less desirable, from an edible point of view, than the toughest of grain-fed birds, that his immunity from attack is easily to be accounted for. Moreover, the "black prince" of the air is not to be lightly molested, for "his armour is solid, his spirit unconquerable, and his strength surprising." Ravens have so strong an attachment to their birthplace that, under judicious training, their homing instinct is not unlikely to attain a high degree of development. At the present stage, however, about fity miles seems to be the limit which their "way-finding" faculties enable them to traverse with certainty.

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But it is as a domesticated creature—an established member of the home circle—that the raven chiefly appeals to his English admirers. The real raven is infinitely more interesting than are most of the fictions, romantic or grotesque, to which he has given rise. He is by nature extremely shy; but, when once thoroughly "at home," no bird better repays study, or more readily responds to friendly overtures. His habits and faculties seem to meet human characteristics at more points than do those of other fowl. He is extremely matter-of-fact. There is a general expression—an air of sedate assurance—about him, which in another bird we should ca!l

"knowing," but which in the raven seems to arise from the very fact of knowledge. The jackdaw is merely pert; but the raven is solemn from the gravity of conviction. Of course, no bird is as wise as the owl looks. There is a judicial air about him, as of a legal luminary pondering the doubtful points of a "judgment reserved." But there is no such weakness as hesitation adout the raven. Admit him to practice before a full bench of presiding owls, and he would never be at a loss for an argument. In such a position the quality of his voice might be a little against him, not withstanding Goldsmith's assurance that the raven "sings with great distinctness, truth, and humour." Of humour, indeed he has a full share; and, assuming that he had contrived to "stricth a verdict" under the conditions imagined, he would most certainly retire from the Court to chuckle over it.

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The quaint and half-assumed air of unconcern with which he seems Nor is the intelligence of the raven a wnit less than his humour. The quaint and half-assumed air of unconcern with which he seems to regard your first advances never prevents his speculating upon their object. Watch him a little, and you will soon see what an excellent, if ungainly, comedian he is. He has been called a thief, but it is an unworthy libel. He does, in fact, occasionally assume a temporary trusteeship over the unconsidered trifles of careless people. But he has no felonious intentions, and he steen makes restitution of various goods and chattels long after the, have been given up by their owners as lost. Perhaps he has something in common with the good folks who pay "conscience money." At all events there never was a raven that had not his distinct personal peculiarities. And there never was the owner of a raven who did not think his raven more personally peculiar than anybody elecs.

"Times are so changed for the worse," wrote Waterton early in the century, "that I despair ever seeing a wild raven again in any of our woods." The kindly naturalist was referring to the country about his pleasant Yorkshire domain, but it is unhappily now trust of nearly the whole of England. In a few secluded districts a pair or two of ravens may sometimes still be heard of; but too good reason the contract of the country about his pleasant than the wretched "shot can" which is nearly the story of the country is the country about his pleasant than the wretched "shot can" which is nearly the story of the country that the dread the wretched "shot can" which is nearly the story of the country is the country of the country about his pleasant to the country about his pleasant to the country about his pleasant yorkshire domain, but it is unhappily now trust of nearly the whole of England. In a few secluded districts a pair or two of ravens may sometimes still be heard of; but too good reason

of nearly the whole of England. In a few secluded districts a pair two of ravens may sometimes still be heard of; but too good reason have they to dread the wretched "shot gun," which, in wanton hands, is sure to signal their approach to the neighbourhood of town or village. Fifty years ago, they were often to be seen in Norfolk (always a great bird county) and Yorkshire; but even then they had begun to withdraw from the woods, and to resort to the more inaccessible headlands of the coast. Their very rarity has tended to keep alive the feelings of superstitious misgiving which they have immemorially inspired, and the folk-lore of the raven is perhaps more extensive than that which surrounds any other winged creature. In vain do naturalists explain the instincts and habits on which much of it is founded. Most people are now ready to admit—

That ravens—though, as birds of omen,
They teach both conjurers and old women
To tell us what is to befall—
Can't prophesy themselves at all.

But let any one attempt to convince some ancient inhabitant of a north-country hamlet that the "crooping black corbie" is not a harbinger of ill, and he will speedily realise the futility of his

After all, the respect and dread entertained for the raven are not difficult to account for. He is known throughout Europe (not to speak of other continents), and he came down to the Middle Ages with all his mythological honours thick upon him. His reputation for living to an extreme old age added greatly to the mysterious influence which he formerly held over gentle and simple alike. Even in the seventeenth century the French writer, Boursault, compiled a table of the comparative ages attained by various birds and animals, all of which were completely out-distanced by the raven. In addition to his reputation for age, wisdom, and mystical powers as a bird of omen, the raven's fine proportions and venerable appearance must not be lost sight of in seeking the reasons for his undoubted eminence. His fondness for carrion is indisputable, but he only strikes at life under exceptional pressure. In this respect, indeed, the raven is by no means as black as he is painted. But his "sable robe and solemn croak," even his uncouth gait and immense power on the wing, as well as the curiously harsh modulations of his voice, are all singularly impressive; and among the Greeks, Romans, and Arabs the raven enjoyed a position of positive dignity.

A full account of the still-existing superstitions concerning this patriarchal bird would fill a volume. Old country-folks keep a firm hold of the teachings of their childhood; and there is no gain-saying the sagacious head-shake and the solid tone of satisfied conviction with which modern notions are combatted. The really odd thing about the natural history of the raven is the complete reversal which it affects of all the fanciful adornments of preceding ages. He is not in the least a bird of doom. His solemnity relaxes on small provocation, and he is much fonder of fun than of prophecy. According to an Arthurian myth, the soul of the "flower of kings" passed into a raven; probably one of the "many-wintered" crows that even then dwelt about the beetling cliffs of Tintagel. This may, p After all, the respect and dread entertained for the raven are not

may, perhaps, be accounted the apotheosis of the raven as a creature of mystery.

No sooner, however, does this ungainly fowl condescend to the level of everyday life, than the legendary interest attaching to him is lost in our wonder at his shrewd practical sense and business-like demeanour. Here and there an individual of irregular habits may undoubtedly be found—a white raven, so to speak, among his fellows—who, like Dickens's well-known acquaintance, is ever ready to re-point a brick wall, or make away with a wooden stain ase. But education has done something for the raven since then. He can be made to "retrieve" very fairly, and he possesses a capacity for friendship, and a teachableness of no common order. The attachment of ravens to a particular locality is shown by the fact that a pair have for some years past built their nest, and successfully hatched their brood, upon a ledge of the cliffs on an Ayrshite estate facing the sea. They generally breed very early in the year, but this must be regarded as an exceptional instance, as these inds have invariably built in the month of December. They have, no doubt, recognised a desire to respect their confidence on the part of the owner of the estate and those under his control.

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DRIVING BOTTLE-NOSES

AMONG the accidental forms of sport which the autumnal tourist may occasionally see on the British seas, there is not one which is more picturesque and exciting than that of driving whales. It occurs so much seldomer now than used to be the case, however, as to suggest an inference that the great mammals of the sea are diminishing in number. There is no recent hunt to equal in magnitude that which took place off the Faroe Islands in 1644, when over a thousand whales were captured in two expeditions, and the next in size was one which took place in the Hebrides towards the end of the eighteenth century. Still, it can hardly be said that the diminution is extraordinary, since, in the Shetland drive, which torms the subject of a lawsuit, expected to come on shortly, in the Edinburgh Court of Session, over three hundred were killed. The dispute arose, as so many others have done, over the division of the spoil. It has been customary for the landlord of the beach where the whales are driven ashore to claim one-third of the proceeds, but the fishermen now urge that bottle-noses stand exactly in the same position as fish that have been hooked or netted. From the point of view of the on-looker, who has no pecuniary interest in the result, it must be said that the existence of mercenary motives is a distinct advantage. It increases the excitement, sharpens the sporting instinct, and lends a zest and eagerness to the chase which it

would otherwise want. Not that the dividend is so very great after all. After the latest of these hunts, which took place in Westray, one hundred and and thirty whales were sold by auction, bringing in a stall sum of 249.7 12s. which had to be divided between the crews of thirty boats, and did not yield two pounds to each individual. Yet that amount is large enough in the eyes of the poor fisher-croitsmen of the islands to stimulate their utnost ardour. A thrill of severitement shoots through the whole community when it is announced that "the cai ing whales are in the voe." It is then that the cai ing whales are in the voe." It is then that the caing whales are in the voe." It is then that the caing whales are in the voe." The shoal of whales is evidently under no alarm. They have flowed their prey, the smaller fish, into the intricate channels of the peninsula, and, if left to themselves, would eventually find their way to the dark-blue sea as the spray flies upward from their blow-hole; they play in the same uncouth way as a herd of oxen, now chasing one another, and anon indulging in awkward gambols. No sooner is all this visible, however, than the heavy Shetlander is changed into a new man. There is a rush for every possible kind of weapon—not only harpoons and guns, but knives of every description, and even scythes and agricultural implements. In addition to weapons such as these, however, the boatmen arm themselves with every known variety of noise-making instrument, tongs and fire-irons, kettles and tin-pails, into which gravel and pebbles are cast to jingle, and great quantities of stones. The object of this strange quair in honeless to chase them, and therefore the boats move out to make pails and fire-irons are jingle, ald globular development is simple. Unless the whales can be driven on the shillows, it is office the underly which have a simple of the categories of stones are thrown to increase the fright of the cetaceans. But it requires it all to stir them up. Sometimes their dark skins will be di

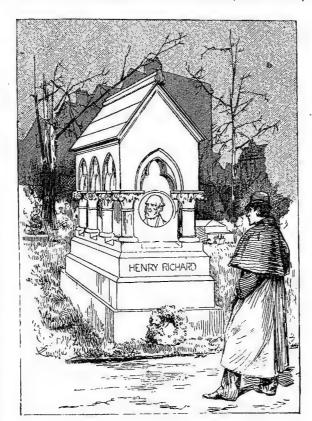
showly driven, have had time to take fright in the comparatively shallow water, and fled to sea in terror at seeing on the sandy ocean-floor their own black shadows.

By a series of duels the supremacy of one bull—called by the Orcadians the "mester whall"—is established, and on the management of him depends largely the success of the hunt. He is followed by all the others, and it is almost touching, after a long chase, to watch the cows coaxing the tired calves by swimming back and bleating to them to keep up with the herd. They are very affectionate, and the capture of a young one is often made a means to secure the mother. If the herd can be headed for the shore at the proper moment the excitement seems to culminate. Gun, harpoon, and noise are used to hurry them on, and no sooner are they stranded than the boatmen are amongst them for the slaughter. Stripped all lut the trousers, the islander goes into the fight as his forefather went into battle. The experienced whaler knows exactly the right spot beneath the flipper wherein to bury his knife, but the younger hands make some odd mistakes—the present writer having seen a man hammering a whale's bony head as if it were an ox he meant to fell with no more effect than that of tremendously irritating the animal. The scene of butchery is by no means a pleasant one. If one could only hear the language of the whalers without seeing them it would be easy to imagine they were fighting a human enemy. But their words are almost lost amid the groaning, tellowing, and shrieking of the dying whales. Indeed, the sight is hearly as strange a one as can be unexpectedly come upon in these islands. The tiny beach which breaks in two a bold and broken line of rocky coast is thronged with people—some sightseers only, some with hawsers, already preparing to drag the carcasses from the water, others in their shirt-sleeves butchering the whales. Italf-an-hour ago one could count every little shell beneath the water, now, for several furlongs out at sea, it is reddened and streaked

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE HENRY RICHARD, ESQ., MP.

THIS work, erected by public subscription, was unveiled in Abney Park Cemetery, last Friday, by A. Illingworth, Esq., M.P., in the presence of Mrs. Henry Richard and family, the Memorial Committee, and an assembly of about a thousand persons. Various designs were submitted to the Memorial Committee, one specially prepared by Mr. E. J. Physick, sculptor, being unanimously adopted, and the commission given to Mr. Physick to carry out the work. The character of the memorial is Gothic. The central part is composed of Sicilian marble richly carved, with eight beautiful receding panels, and raised upon massive Gothic sub-plinths. Around the central panels are grouped eight polished red granite columns, with richly-curved foliated caps and bases, supporting a Gothic pediment, which rises to a height of nearly ten feet. In the front next the roadway, Mr. Physick has modelled a most lifelike medallion of the

late Mr. Henry Richard, the portrait being considered by the family as the best which has been done. It is in pure white marble, and is a work of the highest Art. This memorial, when unveiled,



was received with a very audible expression of unanimous approval, and is highly honorable, both for originality of design and beauty of execution, to the sculptor.

STRANGE FRUITS

To those who are able to carry back their recollection over a period of twenty or thirty years it must be a noteworthy fact that, as they wander through the avenues of Covent Garden, or past the depôts of fresh fruit in various parts of London, something like one-half of the species of fruit they now see on sale are almost, as the song says, "strangers yet."

If we take the trouble to reckon up those which have entered the English market as regular commodities, even within the past ten or a dozen years, we can hardly fail to be struck with the advance which has been made in this direction. There are those still living who can recall the time when even the orange was somewhat of a curiosity; and thousands can remember when the first instalment of pale and half-green specimens used to appear with December as the forerunner of a supply which was exhausted by March or April.

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Sailing schooners by the score were "on the station" between London and St. Michael's, in the Azores, where the trade was then in the springtide of its prosperity, and would take a forthight or three weeks in making their way home. At present, there is not a day in the year when oranges, from one source or another, cannot be bought in London; while, during the ordinary season, we receive them in a stage of ripeness formerly unknown. St. Michael's was soon compelled to share the honours with Valentia, and Valentia, in its turn, with Malta and a dozen other Mediterranean ports, from Tangier to Jaffa. Then succeeded the West Indies and Florida, and even distant Brazil put in a claim to be represented in the orange markets of Great Britain.

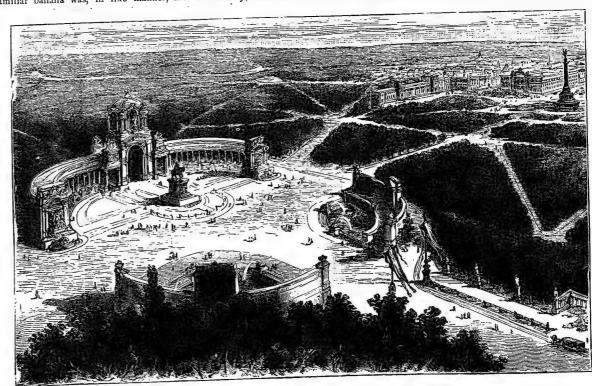
As a result of all this we have naturally struck up a gradual acquaintance with a whole generation of new comers. The now familiar banana was, in like manner, first a curiosity, then an

Madeira. Presently'we were honoured with a shy and chary visit from the delicious custard-apple, which now puts in a regular, though restricted, appearance in our shops during the winter; and still, unfortunately, at an almost prohibitive price. Being, in its way, one of the choicest fruits the world produces, we may venture to hope that a very few years will put us on better terms with it. The mango soon followed suit; and although too dependent on the supreme turn of ripeness to reach us in the full flush of its Indian glory at present, it has yielded to the persuasion of culture so far as to produce a very tolerable semi-tropical representative, like that of the banana. Whether we may expect that the delicious mangosteen will ever grace our tables in like manner is a problem. At present there is scarcely one in a thousand of our countrymen—botanists and colonists excepted—who even know it by sight. The same may be said of the bread-fruit—a staple of life in many regions, but as unfamiliar as Chinese grammar to any of us, except those who have taken the trouble to hunt it up in the museums at Kew or elsewhere. At rare intervals a few of us who have friends on the West Coast of Africa may chance to see a few specimens of the exquisitely delicate avocado, or alligator pear, and have learned to take out the stone, fill the hollow with sherry, and eat the dainty, custard-like pulp with a spoon. Once or twice it may have been seen in our shops, in a hard, immature condition, and at a fancy production in consequences. Less likely still are we to have made a home acquaintance with the gay little rose-apple, which in the land of its nativity comes popping down from the heights oi its stalely tree, and lies waste on the ground in heaps; unless where the children care to pick it up, and chew its pink-tinted flesh. We have never seen the brush-like bunches of feathery flower which precede it growth, and we know not the pure rose-favoured jelly which can be prepared from its pulp. At times our way and any time the purpos

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE EMPEROR WILLIAM I.

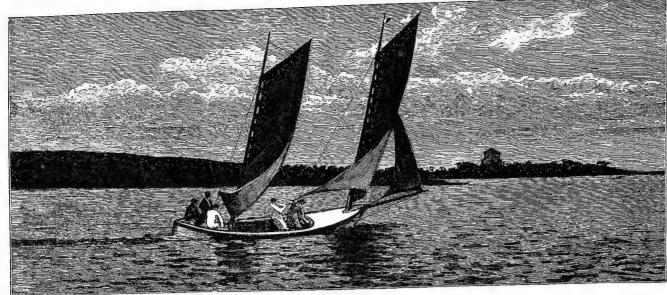
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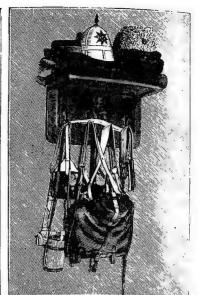
The proposed erection of a memorial to the late Emperor William I., has given rise to more excitement in German Art circles than has been experienced since the building of Cologne Cathedral. The question of the design for the proposed memorial was submitted by the Government to open competition throughout Germany, and resulted in the selection of a design by M. Bruno Schmitz (of Düsseldorf). The site fixed upon as being the most



occasional and experimental importation, and healty a regular one. Even yet we are but casually acquainted with its varied uses and applications. Only here and there we meet with a cook who will condescend to favour us with the dainty banana fritter, and still more rarely with one who can provide the luscious compôte of banana chopped in orange-juice, and capped with a soufflet of cream. Then, and by these means, we begin to learn that the banana and some of its compeers are not essentially tropical in their nature, but can be produced, in very tolerable perfection, no further away than

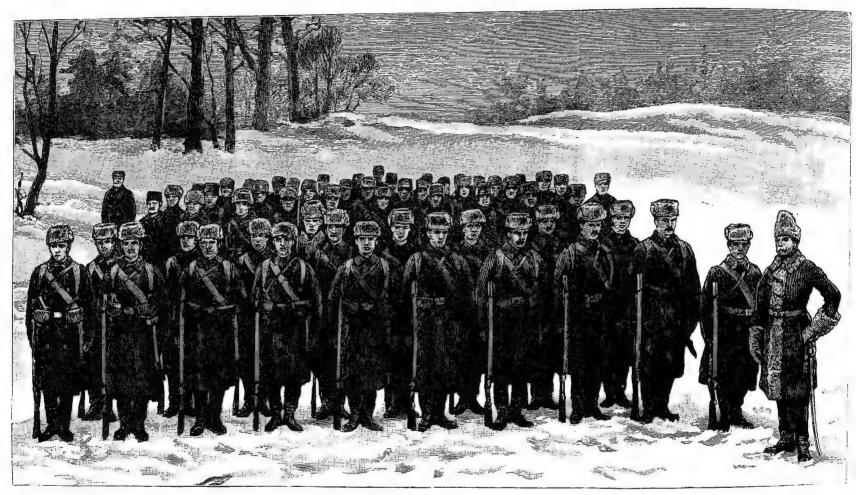
appropriate (which forms the subject of our engraving), is in the large square of the Charlottenburgerstrasse, Berlin, immediately in iront of the triumphal arch through which the Emperor rode on his return home from his victorious French campaign. The memorial, which is to be composed of granite and bronze, represents the Emperor on horseback—its principal feature being the undoubted simplicity of its design. The memorial is to be erected as an everlasting monument to the late Emperor, but it is intended that it shall also commemorate the establishment of the German Empire,



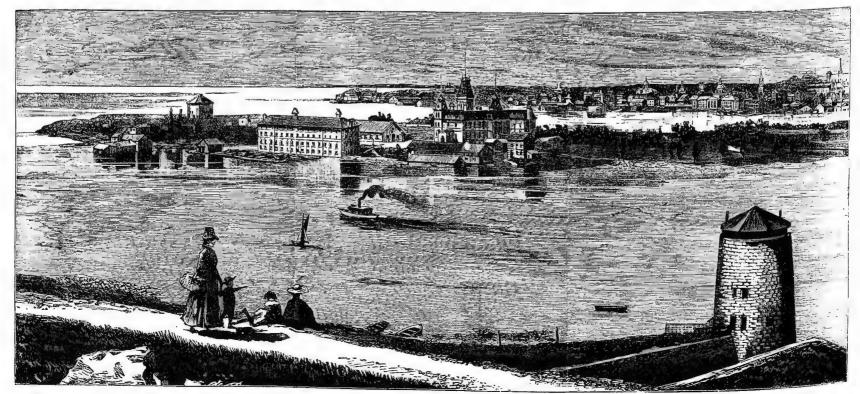


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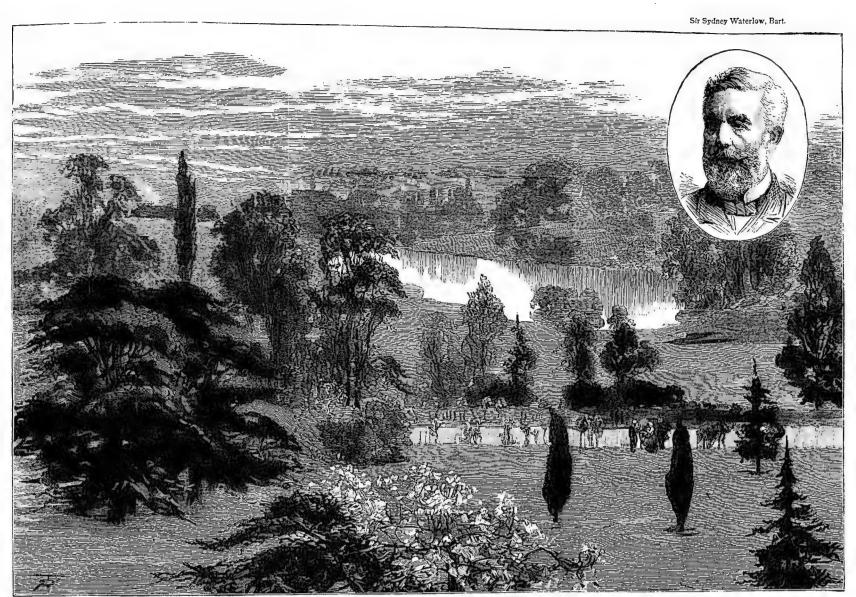


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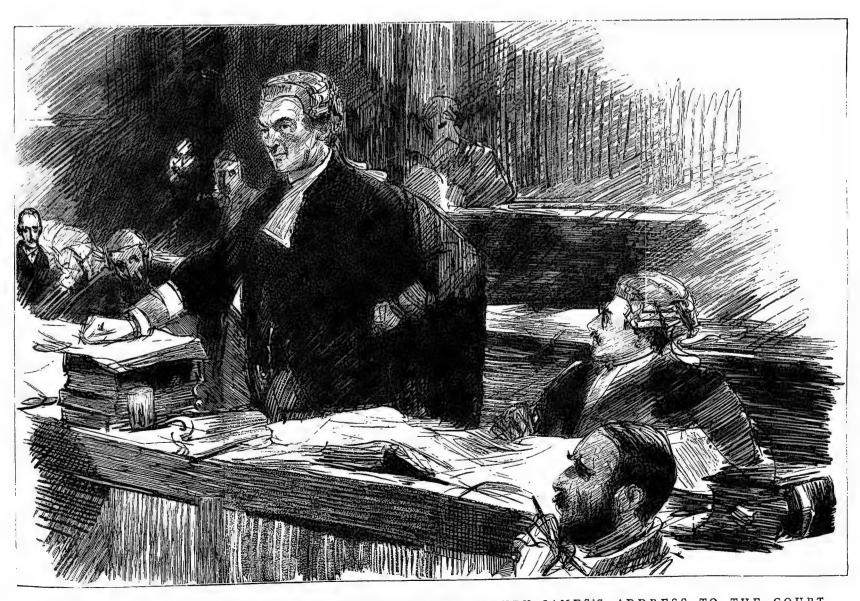


GENERAL VIEW OF WOLFE ISLAND

OUR NATIONAL DEFENCES-THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE AT KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA



THE NEW PARK AT HIGHGATE PRESENTED BY SIR SYDNEY WATERLOW TO THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL



THE PARNELL COMMISSION-THE CLOSE OF SIR HENRY JAMES'S ADDRESS TO THE COURT

PRIZE-DAY AT A FLEMISH SCHOOL OF ART

Not long ago the son of a poor Bruges tailor won the first prize for violin-playing at Brussels. When he came back, the whole "quaint" (and quiet) "old Flemish city" was moved. He was met at the station by all the civic dignitaries with the carrosse doré. He was seated in that rarely-used State vehicle. There was a band and a procession of all the music students and professors. A vin and a procession of all the music students and professors. A vin and the parents for the credit he had brought on his native place; and the evening wound up with street music and a torchlight procession.

In a less degree every prize-taker at the Bruges School of Art is field once a year, when the holidays are over and the October term is beginning. At Michaelmas, in spite of the rain and wind, in almost every third street most of the houses had hung out flag-poles; one or two, more ambitious, had set up Venetian masts. The rule is that every street which is happy enough to be the abode of a prize-taker shall celebrate the occasion with unlimited bunting. There used to be also a display of flowers in pots and a row of the bay-trees, to grow which for the German market is one of the Bruges industries; but that was in the good time, before the Liberals of the Academy had quarrelled with the Conservative Corporation, as unhappily Liberals and Conservatives are doing more or less all over Belgium. That is why Prize-Day is shorn of its splendour—no State coach now, no robes of State, no horse-soldiers, no military band. Perhaps that, too, is why the Governor of West Flanders (who used to go arm in arm with the Burgomaster) did not come at all, and why the latter kept a room-full of patient fathers and mothers and sons waiting three-quarters of an hour. They had absolutely nothing to do. The band in the ante-room did not dare to strike up till the great man's carriage drove into the yard. The policeman (what good-humoured little fellows the Bruges police are in their képis and long great-coats, not a bit like their tall, stern, spike-hel and long great-coats, not a bit like their tail, stern, spike-neinted brethren of Ghent; you cannot for the life of you imagine them in a street row) grew tired of pleasantly suggesting that it was as well to keep the gangway clear, otherwise His Greatness would not be able to get through. The three échevins in white ties and ditto gloves must have long given up chatting, and only moved their lips and hands in make-believe. The professors, in a little group treat level where the street level was the street level where the street level was the street

apart, looked very glum.

It is a handsome room, the Bruges Assembly Room, where public concerts and balls are held, and which can be hired for the breakfast or concerts and balls are held, and which can be hired for the breakfast or dinner if you want to marry your daughter in style. The looking-glass, which half covers the walls, is gracefully painted into arcades with palms and such like. But there comes a time when all this palls on you. You have a programme, but it is in Flemish; and though it is easy to make out Schoone Kunsten, you have to ask the meaning of Outleedkunde (outline). Bouwkunst seems dog-German for Architecture; but that Beetdhouwkunst means Sculpture does not come by the light of nature. So you leave off reading and scan the faces—so East Anglian, so London-like, yet with an indescribable difference. A feer insulaire said yesterday:—"These Flemings look like what they are, the leavings; all who could get away, all who had the energy to move off, came over to us." In one sense he is right; there is less physique among the Hemings, but, on the other hand, more character in their faces than in those of average English people.

But now the music strikes up as loudly as if it was determined to make up for the long silence; and in walks the fat little London-alderman-looking Burgomaster, shakes hands with the échevins, bows to the professors, and then, without a word of preamble, the Secretary begins to read out the names. The prizes are all medals, fastened to broad white, red, or blue ribbons; one happy youth got three, and was greeted with boundless applause. Prizemen of former years wore their decorations. As each was "decorated," the Burgomaster shook hands with him and smiled graciously; but, if he said anything, it was in a whisper. The poor "honourable mentions" (Eervolle Melding) got very little cheering, though plainly the whole room-full took a deep interest in all the proceedings. Accustomed in England to the ubiquitous parson, I could not help wondering that not a priest was to be seen either among the lookers-on or on the platform. The little boys and girls who, despite the rain, formed a determined assistance outside, were probably younger brothers and sisters of the prizemen. Not a street Arab among them, nor a smoker; though I have seen mere babes smoking in the Bruges streets. The oddest thing of the kind I ever saw was a child in huge sabots and the flesh-coloured stockings so popular with both sexes, and a skimpy, shabby knicker suit. But his kepi was knowingly cocked on one side, and he was puffing away at a cigarette a good deal bigger than his nose.

No closing speech; the Burgomaster is chary of his words. More music, and then the procession moved homeward. For, though the robes and the Collar of SS, and the Recorder's fur cap, and all that strikes the foreigner in one of our City functions was conspicuous But now the music strikes up as loudly as if it was determined

the robes and the Collar of SS, and the Recorder's fur cap, and all that strikes the foreigner in one of our City functions was conspicuous that strikes the foreigner in one of our City functions was conspicuous by its absence, the fetching the prizemen from home and taking them back is still kept up. Say there are forty prizemen; that means ten carriages, besides those containing the échevins and the Burgomaster. In fine weather there are open barouches; yesterday everything that had a cover was of course carefully closed. Still, it was a cheery sight; for the rain stopped for a while, and the crowd followed from street to street, music playing, banners flying; and as each prizeman's house was reached, out got the Burgomaster and the échevins, and, walking in along with him, left him, with many congratulations, in the hands of his delighted parents. It must have been a long round, and the actual hard work sufficiently accounts for the Burgomaster's silence. Who could make a public accounts for the Burgomaster's silence. Who could make a public speech when he had some thirty odd private little speeches to get speech when he had some thirty odd private little speeches to get through? Great skill, too, must have been needed to map out the route. The Bruges streets run all sorts of ways; and, in calling on a dozen neighbours, you might, if you did not fix your plan beforehand, make as many doubles as a hare.

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As for the prizeman, his glory is not over when the Burgomaster gets into his carriage and the procession drives on. At night (not to speak of the inevitable torchlight procession) all the neighbours come in and offer their best wishes; so that, what with being fetched by the procession before the affair begins, and then taken home again when it is over, and smiled at by his friends of both sexes, he has had enough of it before the day comes to an end.

Let us hope he is not spoiled; and the fact that several of last ear's laureates were among those decorated this time proves that year's laureates year's lattreates were among those decorated this time proves that some escape spoiling. The whole thing shows the strong corporate feeling which, despite all changes, survives in these Flemish towns. The lad has done honour to Bruges; therefore Bruges is bound to go out of its way to honour him. It also shows the value which this Flemish people, once a nation of artists, sets on Art. Art of all kinds is needed for success in manufactures; nor is the city of the strong likely to forget that Art he high significant that the strong strong the strong that the strong that

kinds is needed for success in manufactures; nor is the city of Hans Memling likely to forget that Art has higher aims than architectural or textile or metal-work designing.

The ceremony is in every way pleasing; the "laureates," as they are called, cannot help keeping all their lives a kindly remembrance of the good-natured magistrate who, through rain and mud, took each of them home after the prize-giving; though I am sure they would like it better if clergy and artists and civic authorities would combine to make the thing a little more picturesque. The Brugeois can, on occasion, do this sort of thing so well, so artistically; witness the mediaval procession of two years ago, when the Peter Coning group was unveiled on the Place. One wonders that, when the School of Art is in question, the appareil should be the most

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meagre possible. And where were the lady students? Do they get no prizes? or, is giving them made a separate function?

One thing you learn at such a ceremony, that your French will not carry you very far in West Flanders. At Damme, not five miles from Bruges, it is wholly useless. "Nit versteh" is the reply in food shop after food shop. You ask for "potage" or "bouillon;" you might as well ask for mulligatawney. "Suppe" they understand, and butter-brod and kaaschen (a bit of cheese); but don't try them with "tartines." Stranger still (for Damme is now but a dead-alive village) it was to find a whitesmith on the Bruges Grande Place, just with "tartines." Stranger still (for Damme is now but a dead-alive village) it was to find a whitesmith on the Bruges Grande Place, just by the belfry tower, unable to speak one word of French. He did not even understand "Combien?" You had to ask "Waat kostet?" in order to find out at how many francs he valued the beautiful samples of embossed brasswork (Bruges ware) of which his window was full. Even the policement to whom one naturally turns for samples of embossed brasswork (Bruges ware) of which his window was full. Even the policemen, to whom one naturally turns for information, sometimes know very little French. In fact, Flemish, which used to be talked of as moribund, has taken a new lease of life. To speak it is the duty of all patriots, and progressists and clericals alike are now going in for patriotism.

H. S. F.

"CAPTAIN BLANK"

A SKETCH ON BOARD A SAILING SHIP

"WHICH is the Captain?"

Put by chance, at the last moment, to the last of the friends who are seeing me off on my long "health voyage," I realise suddenly

that this is an anxious question.

My friend looks round, and as he points with his left hand to a short man standing aloof near the wheel, his right hand seizes mine in a final grip; for the passengers' friends are recrossing the gangway in a sorrowful stream, to form a dismal line upon the quay, and the smaller cables are already cast adrift.

"That's the Captain," says my friend. "You wouldn't think it, because of his dress; but while the pilot's aboard, the skipper's an outsider, and likes to look one too. And now, old fellow——"

And now I have said good-bye to the last of them, and seen the last of their faces; and the only face on board which I can at present associate with a name is that of Captain Blank.

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The Captain is stout, as well as short. He has a smooth-shaven face of sallow complexion and Napoleonic cast; and indeed, as he stands apart, with folded arms and rigid features, suggestion of "the little man who died at St. Helene" is inevitable. There is about his mouth a suspicion of humour, which would be more pronounced if the mouth were less tightly shut, but there is a decided twinkle—a confidential twinkle—in his small dark eyes. He is still in all the glory of his shore-going silk hat and frock-coat. He speaks to no one. I don't fancy that he has had any one to see him off. I rather fancy, on the other hand, that he is either an inveterate bachelor or else a widower. I should like to make friends with him at once; but I am early compelled to seek the privacy of my statepacheior or eise a widower. I should like to make their swith him at once; but I am early compelled to seek the privacy of my state-room, and my first conversation with the Captain is upon my reappearance after forty-eight hours of torture spent therein. We are now rid of the pilot, and brass buttons and a thoroughly brisk air of command replace the frock-coat and studied indifference of the first afternoon.

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In breezy tones, he hopes I am better, but sinks his voice to inform me that he himself is invariably sea-sick at the outset of a voyage. There is something droll in the manner of this confession, but also something glib, which leaves the impression that the sympathetic sentence has done duty some scores of times before. He adds, however (which is genuine comfort), that the wind is fair, and sea-sickness is impossible with a fair wind. To a man, as it happens, we passengers prove the truth of this assertion. We fight shy of our meals no longer, but, on the contrary, develop abnormal appetites; we emerge in a body from our cabins, and swarm upon the poop with deck-chairs, novels, draught-boards, and cards. With the wind steady upon her quarter, the vessel's motion is regular and rhythmical from the first, and, as we become used to it, insignificant. Daily the sun grows warmer; daily the ocean deepens its blue; daily we come to know more of each other, and more—much

more—of our Captain.

He is at his very best at this portion of the voyage. He is not only affable, but jovial—not only jovial, but facetious. In a word, the Captain is first-rate company, and he reveals a number of charming and unexpected qualities. He can gossip by the hour with the ladies; he can wind their wool. He can beat the smartest with the ladies; he can wind their wool. He can beat the smartest of us at deck-quoits. He has one song—a comic song—which he gives with unction, when pressed, and after one or more false starts in unhappily-chosen keys. At dinner he is the life and soul of the cuddy-table; later, he plays a solemn rubber in the after-saloon, and plays it thoughtfully; later still, he spins strange yarns to a select male audience on the poop, and spins the strangest of them with a deliberation which we come to look upon as characteristic.

He instigates and assists us to form an Entertainments Committee, and himself presides at our first concert. For this event the quarter-deck is draped with flags, and the chairman, in full uniform, and the light of the oil-lamps shining brightly upon his bald head, reads a jocose speech from the capstan-head; and when the chairman's comic song—though not in the programme—is demanded and given, the first double encore of the evening is the result. Next, we extemporise theatricals, to find that in our many-sided Captain we possess not only an expeditious and talented playwright, but a low comedian of the most popular order. The Captain brings down—the ship; and such is his satisfaction with the ovation accorded him, that he devises a crowning gaiety on his own account, and issues formal invitations for a fancy dress ball!

Now there is a despatch—a happy despatch—about the production of our player and concerts, which care from the ground of the production.

Now there is a despatch—a happy despatch—about the production of our plays and concerts, which are often the growth of twenty-four hours; but, for the Captain's ball, a full week's notice is given—each of us, indeed, receiving a formal invitation. The saloon is thrown into a state of immense excitement. No one possesses a real fancy dress, so we all start on equal terms. The good-natured ladies supply needles and cottons and ribbons to all applicants, though we make it a point of honour to draw the line of our mendicancy at actual stitches. Every man is his own Court tailor, and cobbles in his own cabin—save a helpless few, whom the Skipper takes pity upon, and dresses with his own deft hands; disgorging from his cabin on the great evening The Wizard of the North, Thunderbolt the Bushranger, and a six-foot-and-sixteenstone Babe in the Wood, as mysteriously as Mr. Maskelyne produces cannon-balls from his waistcoat pocket. cannon-balls from his waistcoat pocket.

The poop-snug with canvas, and brilliant with bunting-is the ball-The guests form line in the saloon below, and are conducted. in couples, into the presence of The Admiral of the Fleet (Captain Blank) by the Admiral's two Attendant Slaves (Messrs. (Captain Blank) by the Admirats two The Admiral—whose manner Midshipmen Robinson and Brown). The Admiral—whose manner Midshipmen Kodinson and Brown). The Admiral—whose manner is a charming blend of pomposity and drollery—receives his guests in powdered wig, gold lace, silk stockings, and steel-buckle shoes, his cocked hat held at a rakish angle against his ribs. The Attendant Slaves, in white drapery and burnt cork, look like imps in the background, when the motley group is complete. Dancing follows; then the Admiral's (Captain Blank's) comic song; and, lastly, cakes and claret-cup at the Captain's expense, and boisterous jokes at the expense of all and sundry. The evening goes off brilliantly; and, whatever he may do or leave undone between this and Sydney Harbour, Captain Blank has once and for all (we think) proved himself "a jolly good fellow;" a sentiment which we reiterate at the top of our voices.

Were we premature? With the chorus in our very throats, the north-east trades were dying. And now—with the Line still before us-we are becalmed!

Down dropt the breeze, the sails dropt down, 'Twas sad as sad could be—

saddest of all in its effect upon Captain Blank. He is a changed man! The whist-player, the wool-winder, the one-song singer, the low comedian, the Admiral of the Fleet—they have, one and all, been pitched overboard; and, in their shoes, tramps up and down the poop a creature with a bitter grievance against the weather, and an accumulating spleen towards all mankind.

Visible signs of the lowered tone of the Captain's morale

Visible signs of the later than the partakes of breakfast and luncheon in his own cabin, and even the charmed circle of the ladies' afternoon. his own cabin, and even the charmed circle of the ladies' afternoon tea-party knows him no more. His manners, indeed, are a scandal. He appears at the dinner-table glowering dreadfully, and, in a voice of thunder, commands the Almighty to make us truly thankful ("or go to the mast-head," as our wicked old Australian judge adds, sotto voce.) Though the remains of his yesterday's hospitality are before his eyes, and might, one would think, recall lighter moments, he has not one civil word for even the ladies during the meal. He refuses steadily to be reminded of his better self. Mr. meal. He refuses steadily to be reminded of his better self. Mr. Midshipman Robinson—the burnt cork, applied with a fatherly hand only last evening, not yet entirely removed from the curves of his smooth young face—is mast-headed for merely speaking two words, while in the execution of his duty, to the youngest lady-passenger; nor is jealousy supposed to prompt the punishment, since the ladies are certainly included in the general combination.

It is unfair to give further instances, for the fact is, Captain Blank is not himself. Hyde, the mutineer, is in command—a breeze must spring up before Jekyll can release himself and clap the pirate in irons. The mates and the midshipmen predict to this effect. Their good nature is not for a week or a day, but for the

effect. Their good nature is not for a week or a day, but for the whole voyage. Delay is nothing to them; they will neither gain by making the fastest passage of the season, nor lose by coming in a had last. Their only interest in the matter is an indicate. Their only interest in the matter is an indirect one: a bad last. Their one; if the wind springs up and holds good, they will escape a deal of purely gratuitous bullying.

The mates and the midshipmen prove right in their prophecy;

but it gets no chance of fulfilment for a whole week, during which we patronise the Doldrums, and drift aimlessly. And by the end of this week the Captain has shown such villanous temper to us all, In point of fact, when the wind does spring up, we meet with no more reverses; the Captain ceases to sulk—whispers of a "liver more reverses; the Captain ceases to sulk—whispers of a "liver complaint" from which he habitually suffers during calms in the tropics (but of which we all know the English)—and even recommences pleasantries. Here, however, there is awkwardness—and it serves him right. His pioneer little jokes, diffidently let loose at dinner, are dismal failures; and when he sits down on the music-stool in the after-saloon, and runs his fingers insinuatingly over the keys, nobody asks for his comic song; and, in fact, there comes to be a pathos in our Captain's pleasantries—for they are no longer

In short, Captain Blank's evil behaviour during the calm might never be forgotten to the end of the passage, were it not for his splendid behaviour in the storm that assails us south of the Cape. A hurricane-nothing less-met and weathere I with coolness and skill that are patent to the most ignorant among us, restores him to his former popularity; and more; for where the clever comedian provoked our laughter, the intrepid seaman earns our confidence, our

provoked our laughter, the intreplut scannar can so de condectes, sor gratitude, and our respect.

And so we are all once again on good terms with the old Captain; and he ceases to look like the exiled Buonaparte, but affects instead the manner of J. L. Toole, and sings his song, and digs us in the ribs, and winks with both eyes, and winds wool for the ladies in front of the cuddy fire, because the "Roaring Forties" are such cold latitudes, and helps us organise an entertainment 'tween decks; which is hardly such a success as the old ones on the quarter-deck were, because the crew (our "gods") are excluded; and spins into the gentlemen's private ears the same set of yarns they heard in the other hemisphere.

At last a day comes when we sight the Australian coast, and an At last a day comes when we sight the Australian coast, and an evening when we hold our farewell concert. The judge—a causic veteran, but suavity itself for the occasion—is in the chair, and makes on behalf of all the passengers at the close of the proceedings a certain presentation to Captain Blank, accompanied by an address. And—upon my word—the old salt's eyes are brighter than they should be, as he rises to reply; and the genuine good feeling in his speech is obvious—being in proportion to its abject lameness of utterance.

These are the words of the address:—

"We, the undersigned passengers by the ship —, from London to Sydney, March—June, 188—, desire to express our united thanks for the unremitting attention which we have met united thanks for the unremitting attention which we have met with at your hands—and at those, we may add, of your officers; and at the same time to record our high opinion of your skill and courage as a sailor, your courtesy and tact as a commander, and your merits as a man. We wish you success."

It may not be quite sincere—but it is near enough. Blank may not always, and in every respect, be the ideal Captain—but I, for one, shouldn't much mind if I knew I were never to sail under a E. W. H.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE PARIS EXHIBITION amount to 1,980,000%, and the expenses to 1,660,000%, leaving a surplus of 320,000% for the benefit of the State.

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THE SEASON has been mild, not in England only, but in France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Russia. Even in the United States the same conditions have for the most part prevailed, though, in an unusual district, on the south-western frontier snowstorms and thizards have been reported. Nothing seems really to be known of the causes which make for cold or warm air currents prevailing at different times. The more indeed we consider meteorological science, the more unsatisfactory does its condition appear to be. Our thermometers record temperature, but we have no instruments which can forecast it, even an hour ahead. Our barometers record atmospheric pressure, but there are no instruments enabling us to distinguish between a rise for north wind with rain, and a fall with south wind for fair weather. Telegrams can apprise us when Atlantic storms are approaching our coasts, but they can throw no light on the far more important question as to which of such storms are likely to actually reach us. If we were really to expect every threatened storm, the signal "drums" might almost be taken as "fixtures." We have no clue to the reason for the not-in-themselves-extraordinary rains of July—August falling at the precise time when they were not wanted. And the present mildness seems to have been quite unpredicted; most of the weather-wise looked for an early winter. The moderate rainfall since November came in has given the land time wherein the superabundant October moisture could drain off or evaporate. The soil is now in fair condition for the resumption of field work on all but the heaviest lands and the lowest-lying, waterlogged valleys. It may be expected that a full acreage will be placed under wheat this autumn, despite the low prices quoted at the principal markets.

THE CHIEF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES resume with November their regular sessions, and some of the meetings held have already received notice in this column. A point on which comment becomes advisable is the form in which notices and minutes ordinarily reach

is the old-fashioned notion as regards "ordering" the Press to insert minutes, and the like. A contemporary has deemed the word arrogant, but we acquit the different secretaries of any consciousness of offence. It simply never dawns upon these admirable employes that the minutes of their respective organisations may not always appear worth printing. Yet it is a fact that no space in a paper is more grudged. The matter is seldom very interesting, and it is invariably reported in so dry a manner as to "choke off" all readers except the most assiduous; and "the assiduous reader" is becoming as rare as the Chillingham cattle, the old Suffolk "Punch," or the true Hardwicke sheep.

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"The Business of Showing" is now a recognised phrase in agricultural Societies, but it can scarcely be imagined that prizes were originally instituted or Shows held for the purpose of getting up this or that breeder's name. The difficulty of the matter is, that no clear line separating amateurs from professionals can here be laid down. Every farmer is a professional, breeding stock for sale, yet is there all the same a world of practical difference between the farmer who enters into a friendly contest with his neighbours for the honour of the County Show and the breeder who finds that a big name as a prize-winner sends up the value of his stock at a big name as a prize-winner sends up the value of his stock at a Thornton's sales from the level of intrinsic to that of fancy worth. Mr. "W. S. D.," of Cleveland, thinks that "the judgment of the specialist decides the contest, and that as the tenant farmer knows as much in this respect as the nobleman's bailiff, the former is in no way damnified." In support of this view, he quotes an anecdote which is of more than local interest and which seems to us to show more than he imagines. It reveals the existence of important theorem is in appears to us "to prove the rule." which is of more than local interest and which seems to us to show more than he imagines. It reveals the existence of important exceptions, but therewith it appears to us "to prove the rule."—
"The Marquis of Londonderry," so the story runs, "had an exceptionally good agricultural brood mare, that went the round of the Shows, making nearly a clean sweep of the prizes. At the Council Meeting of one Society, the question was eagerly debated as to whether the classes for agricultural horses should be confined to tenant farmers, so as to prevent the mare from competing. One tenant farmer protested indignantly against such a proceeding, averring that he was not afraid of the Marquis of Londonderry; and the event proved that he had no need to be, for the very mare was afterwards only a good second to the plucky tenant farmer's." Such is the story, the words are those of Mr. "W. S. D.," whose name is as good a guarantee of its authenticity as agriculturists need ask. need ask.

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AN AUTUMN FLOWER is wanted free from the formality of aster and pompon, from the disorderly raggedness of the Japanese chrysanthemum, and from the general shapelessness of the wall-flower. Is such a flower to be found to succeed the single dahlias of September and to replace the last of the marigolds and sunflowers? We think there is such a flower in the blue marguerite, Agathæa cælestis. This is an old-fashioned plant which is still plentiful in the cottage gardens of rural Surrey and Kent. Its daisy-like flowers are of a peculiar delicate blue—a "pathetic" colour, we have heard æsthetes call it; and certainly there is something in the plant suggestive of its flowering in one season only, "in autumn, at the fall of the leaf." Planted out during the summer, it soon forms dense bushy specimens that come into blossom in October, and continue in flower until the frost of November becomes really keen. The plants may be brought indoors in November, and in the window of a warmed room will

preserve their blossoms almost up to Christmas. If plants are grown in a glasshouse unwarmed, but under shelter, they will last longer than when grown in the open up to November and then lifted. The flowers, being borne on long clean stalks, admit of being taken from the main plant for decoration very effectually and neatly. A final remark may not be useless even in a "Rural" column. The blue marguerite resists London and suburban smoke and fog better than most flowers. There are at this moment some charming bushes in full blossom in two or three of the old Chelsea gardens, as also at Putney and Wandsworth. The plant seems to love the shelter of old walls and the warmth of old soil.

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DAINTY DATRIES in London are not uncommon, where visitors may see model arrangements of sanitary cleanliness, economy, and efficiency. But these are places where the owner's self-interest compels him to carry on his business so as to satisfy the demands of a fastidious public and of watchful official inspectors. The convenient National Cookery Institution, now being completed in the Buckingham Palace Road, will doubtless teach students how to cook milk as well as other articles of food, and already a London Dairy School has come into existence to instruct the metropolis on all matters relating to the working, preservation, and distribution of dairy products. Happy Hampstead is the locality chosen for this Home Counties Dairy School, and doubtless many shepherd boys and shepherd maids will avail themselves of the opportunity here afforded them. The school should be practical, and so assist those who come to learn with a view of working for wages, and it should also be fashionable, as instructing young ladies in household details and order. A dairy-educated lady could scarely fail to become a good manager as mistress of a household. It is a little odd that London should be taken under the patronage of Bath (the school is the offspring of the old West of England Society, and not, as might be expected, of the British Dairy Farmers' Association); but, as good milk needs no patron, London may welcome and support the Hampstead Dairy School—backed up as it is by an Eclectic Committee of noblemen, gentlemen, and dairy-school headmasters and chemists, whose names command confidence. Mr. Bernard Dyer, B.Sc., is the hon. local sec., and the school is in Heath Street, Hampstead, on premises placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Express Dairy Company.

Compensation for a Dead Indian.—If a Redskin is killed in a quarrel his relatives are usually appeased by payment. An overbearing young Assineboine buck once came into the Milk River agency and bent his bow and arrow on the agent's pet dog. The agent warned him if he shot the dog he would kill the Indian. The young buck shot his arrow; the agent killed him. His companions expected to have some trouble, but the grief-stricken father came forward on behalf of the relatives, and claimed that, in consideration of the young man being such a good buffalo-runner, the agent must pay for the loss of such a person a red blanket, a piece of calico, and four pounds of sugar. He complied with their demands, but the vengeful relatives thereafter adopted him as their banker. The mother and other relatives of the slain young man scarcely ever met the agent without embracing him, and, with endearing epithets, begging for something more in rememirance of the good buffalo-runner.

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was then only five years of age. The Recency which for nine years governed the country soon became as unpopular as the Empers hal leen, and in 1840 Dom Pedro II, was, at the age of fourteen, declared of full age, and legan tie long reign which has just closed. He was so wied in the following was and in the south Honas countries. in the following year, and in 1843 mat of Honna Theresa Christina Maria, daughter (1113) L. King of the Two Sicilies, by whom he has an only daughter, the Princess Isabel, marie Ite I in a Imparite of the Christian Philippe of Orleans, eldest son of the D . de

Under Dom Pedro's enlightened and later deat rule, Brazil has been wonderfully tree points of te-volutionary troubles which have continued to real all the other South American State. We were, indeed, forced upon her by Rosas, the Pesilland the Argentine Confederation, during the 11 ties. and, later on, by that arch stirrer-up of se to le ber but Brazil emerged from these struggles in the both in men and money, but still an empire. Rail-ways were planned and executed upon a vast scale, the great rivers which traverse the country were made available for navigation, and her vist maturally made resources were developed. For nearly the whole of this work Dom Pedro Limself was per-caully of this work. Dom Pedro Limsell was personally responsible. He always kept well in todah with European notions; and, in leed, paid several visits to the Old World for the purpose contracting capitalists in the development of his lagire. But the activity of the Emperor did not end leve 11: liberal views induced him to pass seve il measures for the improvement of the condition of his subjects. Chief among these, of course, was the a dition of slavery throughout the Empire. The tropical position of the country had, of course, been emine aly favour-able to its growth. It was no light ta-k, therefore, that Dam Pedra set himself. In 1877 however, he succeeded in passing an Act by which the slaves were to be gradually emancipated, and the process is now almost complete. Unfortunately, these and other measures of a similarly tolerant tendency did not gain for the Emperor the popularity which he ought to have secured by them. The planters, who form a large and important section of the population, were embittered by the loss of their slaves; the more bigoted Roman Catholics were annoyed, moreover,

CANDELARIA

by the Act of June, 1888, which abolished the State eligion, and accorded freeJom of worship to all

At one time Brazil was almost inaccessible to European colonists, owing to the jealousy of the native Brazilians. Dom Pedro has changed all this, and of late years there has been a vast influx of Europeans into the colony, most of them Germans and Italians. Even the new-comers however have not been grateful. Disaffected when they left Europe, they have remained disaffected in Brazil. These classes, then-the slave-holders, the Roman Catholic clergy, and the immigrants-have joined with the theoretical Republicans existing in every State to overthrow the Empire. No immediate danger, however, was feared, and the announcement of the Revolution at the end of last week came as a thunderbolt out of a clear sky.

The evenueriquients was not more remarkable for its suddenness than for the absence of blood-hed with which it was carried into effect. The first sign of it was the attack by some soldiers upon Baron de Ladarin the Minister of Marine. On the same day the Ministry resigned, and a Provisional Government was appointed, which proceeded to depose the Emperor. On Saturday his Majesty, who had at first declared that he would yield only to force, changed his min1, and announced his intention of going to Europe; and on Sunday he and his family carried the intention into effect. The moving spirit in the Revolution has been General Deodoro da Fonseca, a sort of Brazilian Boulanger, who some time ago was guilty of insutordination, and who, but for the Emperor's elemency, would have been tried by court-martial. Instead, he was sent to take a provincial command, with the result which we have seen He is the President of the new Government; the other members, several of whom are journalists, are Senhor Aristide Lobo, Minister of the Interior; Senhor Quintin Bocayura, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Dr Barbora Minister of Finance : Senhor Campos Salles, Minister of Justice; M. Benjamin Constant, Minister of War; Rear-Admiral Vanderholtz, Minister of Marine; and Senhor Demetrio Ribeiro, Minister of Agriculture.

Dom Pedro is to receive from the new Government a lump sum of 2,500,000 dollars, in addi-

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tion to an annual payment of 450,000 It is stated that he will reside in Paris, and alt go at would seem that he may not have made such a bal bargain in exchanging for the easy life of Europe the anxiety of ruling over his ungrateful subjects. But the ungrateful subjects are by no means unlikely to repent at leisure the haste with which they have at rid of their old lave and wedded themselves to the re-Ria Janeiro, where the above-mentioned coinequalled advantages in situation and clinical in-harbour shares with that of Sydney the hon arbeing the finest in the world. Though it ex. " inland for seventeen miks, his an extreme tre-

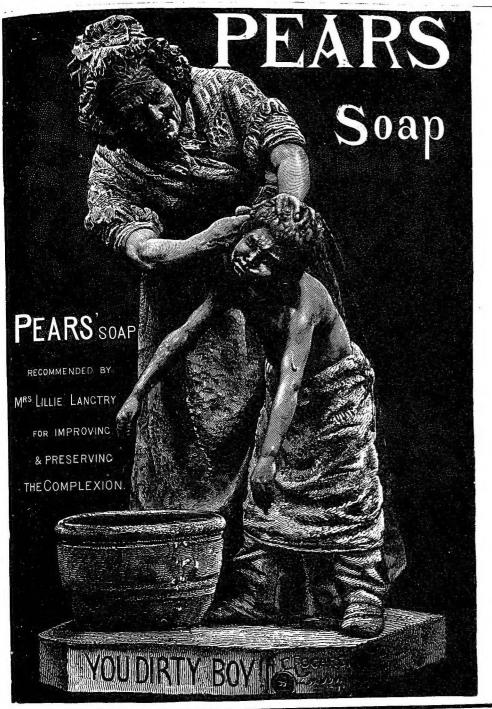
of twelve miles, and is so vast in extert t'. is said to be capable of accommodating it is notes of the world, it is completely landloke is t entrance being only a mile wide. To the left of a our engraving. The city itself stands on the wishere of the harbour, about four miles from mouth. It consists of two portions—the Old T wo which is laid out in squares, the streets being no and ill-naved, and the houses (built of grants the most part) generally two stories high: and i gas. These two portions of the city are separa-from one another by an immense square or park. Campo de Santa Aona, in which stand many et a principal buildings. The Cathedral of Nova S hora da Gloria, which is a conspicuous of cet in ide of the city, but, like the other churches of city, possesses no particular architectural u. Among the other noticeable buildings of Hospital of Miscricorcha, the Public Library, Academy of Medicine, and the College of Don Pe II. The climate of Rio resembles a people. spring, but this apparently charming character has us drawbacks, for yellow fever is ende no on a Brash in capital, and every year carries of a in cancation which have Litely been into he literal (rithis, again, the Brazilians are Largely in health) disappear—Our portraits are from photography Mora, 707, Bradway, New York.



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AN ADDRESS TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON, protesting against the Archbishop of Canterbury's decision affirming the competency of his Court to hear the Bishop of Lincoln's case, is being circulated for signature among the clergy of the Diocese, many of whom, however, strongly disapprove it.

THE BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL has consented to become chaplain of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the King's (Liverpool Regiment),

the old "First Lancashire." THE BISHOP OF OXFORD, presiding at a meeting there in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society, thought

it desirable to suggest that they should "go to work with discretion," adding that some of them had "more zeal than temperance."

THE BISHOP OF CHESTER, at the annual meeting of the Stock-port Mechanics' Institution, spoke approvingly of the perusal of wholesome works of fiction, among which he included Shakespeare's plays. He had read over and over again, as soon as he could sufficiently forget them, the "Waverley Novels," and at one time he was anxious to write a first-rate povel, but that ambition he had he was anxious to write a first-rate novel, but that ambition he had been obliged to abandon.

MR. POYNTER, R.A., in a letter to the Times, has described the deplorable condition of Selby Minster, which unless immediate steps deplorable condition of Selby Minster, which unless immediate steps deployed the condition of Selby Minster, which unless into a hear of depiorable condition of Selby Minster, which unless immediate steps are taken to avert the catastrophe, must collapse into a heap of ruins. The "unequalled Norman nave" thus threatened with destruction Mr. Poynter calls "the most exquisite specimen of Norman architecture that I know." The Rev. A. G. Tweedie, Vicar of Selby, will receive contributions in aid of the preservation of the grand old Abbey Church grand old Abbey Church.

Miscellaneous.—The Bishop-Suffragan of Dover, and Arch-

deacon and Canon of Canterbury, Dr. Parry, is resigning, on a count of ill health, his Suffragan Bishopric.—The new Mayor of Wakefield has offered eighteen acres near the city as a site for the palace of the Bishop of the Diocese.—A Latin service in Westminster Abbey, on Monday evening, commemorated the benefactors, notably Queen Elizabeth, of the "College of St. Peter in Westminster," generally known as Westminster School, of famous antecedents. Canon Ellison preached the sermon from Hebrews xii, I, and the Dean propojunced the Benediction.—I,000l. have been subscribed for a pronounced the Benediction.—1,000l. have been subscribed for a memorial to the late Canon Portal, Chairman of the National Deposit Friendly Society. It is to take the useful form of a reading Deposit Friendly Society. It is to take the useful form of a reading and coffee-room at Burghclere, where he was Rector for nearly twenty years. A site and 50% have been given by Lord Carnarvon.—Mr. Spurgeon preached at the Metropolitan Tabernacle on Sunday his last sermon before his annual visit to Mentone.—In the Carlisle Consistory Court, a faculty has been granted for the erection in St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, of two stained windows, in memory of the late Mr. W. E. Forster and of Mr. Matthew Arnold, both of whom were intimately connected with the Lake District. whom were intimately connected with the Lake District.



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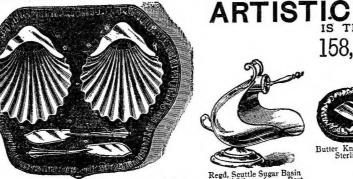
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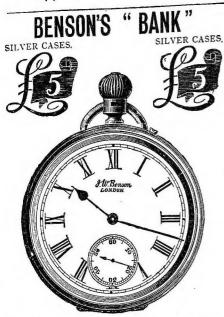
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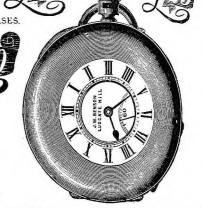
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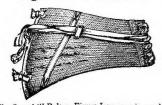


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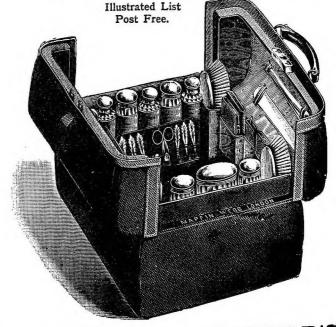
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